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Not satisfied with the first bombing of the Hangchow railway station, Japanese returned on October 17 and dropped heavy explosives and incendiary bombs, completing destruction of the station and badly shaking homes and shops in the vicinity. Station still burning.

## STARTLING STATEMENT BY SUETSUGU

**Japanese Minister Warns Future Bombings Possible**  
**FRANK ADMISSION OF AIM TO OCCUPY HAINAN**

Paris, December 26: A statement of a sensational character has been made by Admiral Suetsugu, Japanese Minister of the Interior, to the Tokyo correspondent of the "Paris Soir". In the first place, he is reported here as having said that such incidents as the bombardment of the U.S. gunboat Panay are unavoidable and hence their repetition in some form or other is quite within the realm of possibility. The Japanese statesman went on, however, to express the hope that the incident in question would be amicably settled as the result of steps taken by President Roosevelt. In the further course of the interview, Admiral Suetsugu then let fall the sensational remark that it was quite likely that Japan would see itself compelled one day, given certain circumstances, to occupy the island of Hainan as part of a strategic plan for carrying out a big and successful attack upon Canton.—Transocean.

### MOBILE UNITS ACTIVE

Hsinhsiang, Dec. 26: After the recapture of Yenshan, Hsinho, Yanghsin and Loning on the Shantung-Hopei border, Chinese mobile units are pushing westward to menace the Japanese rear on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, according to a military report received here. A Chinese mobile unit had a fierce encounter with a Japanese detachment at Pellingmiao south-east of Tzuhsien on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in south Hopei a few days ago, another military message states. The Japanese were defeated, suffering 100 casualties, and the loss of one tank, eight machine-guns, about 100 rifles and 10 boxes of ammunition.—Central News.

### SEEKING HEAD FOR PUPPET REGIME

Shanghai, Dec. 26. On the instructions of the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. S. Shigeru Kawagoe, Mr. S. Hidaka, Counselor of the Japanese Embassy, yesterday went to Japanese military headquarters to have an interview with Lieut.-General Prince Yasu-hiko Asaka concerning the formation of a puppet regime in the Shanghai-Nanking area. Several influential persons were approached to head a puppet regime in Nanking, but so far few inclined to serve owing to the precarious conditions.—International News Agency.

## NEW SALVAGE VESSEL OCEAN-GOING TUG "TAI KOO"

### Full Description

A notable addition to the towing and salvage facilities of the Port of Hong Kong is the Ocean-Going Tug and Salvage Vessel "Tai Koo". The "Tai Koo", which goes into commission this week after a series of highly satisfactory trials, was built by The Tai Koo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hong Kong, Ltd. for their own service. The principal particulars are:—Length over-all, 188 ft.; Length B.P., 155 ft.; Breadth moulded, 35 ft.; Depth moulded, 18 ft. 9 ins.; Service speed, 11½ knots. The vessel has been specially designed and constructed for the rough usage to which she will be

subjected when undertaking heavy towing and salvage operations. The hull is divided into seven main compartments by six watertight bulkheads. The main salvage hold is arranged between engine and boiler room and is divided longitudinally by a water-tight pipe tunnel for access between the boiler room and engine room. In this hold portable pumping plant with all the necessary pipes and fittings and heavy salvage gear are stowed. The hold has two watertight steel hatches served by two tubular steel derricks on Samson posts, each capable of lifting 8 tons. (Continued on Page 11)

## NEW OFFENSIVE ON SHANSI TO BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY BY JAPANESE

Hankow, December 23: According to Chinese reports a new Japanese offensive on Shansi is expected to be launched shortly. The Japanese are said to be considerably strengthened in forces and now have four divisions assembled in the province. The greater part of this force is concentrated on the Taiyuan-Shechiaokwang line. The "Sao Tang Pao", mouthpiece of the Chinese Army, declares that the Japanese offensive will find the Chinese troops ready for a counter-attack for which preparations are completed and which have only been delayed pending the arrival of final instructions from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The newspaper adds that the southern part of the province like the western part is still in Chinese hands and order has been completely restored and the population have returned to their homes. The Journal asserts that in northern Shansi, which is held by Japanese, isolated units of the 8th Army are carrying on guerilla warfare.—Reuter.

## Mass Movements In Canton

Canton, December 26: Mass movements in Canton, which were placed under ban for the past ten years, is now revived, so that the masses will co-operate with the government in waging protracted warfare against Japan. Public opinion is given vent through mass movements, and there will be close co-ordination between the government and the public in all matters relating to public welfare. Restoration of mass movements was sponsored by cultural leaders such as Messrs. Kuo Mo-yo and Chang Nai-chi, who visited Canton recently. All those who support the "Three Principles of the People" and back the Central Authorities are eligible for activities in accordance with mass movements. Decision to revive this movement was made by the Joint Political, Party and Military Affairs Committee yesterday, and detailed regulations in this connection will be made public in a few days. Similar movements will be possible in other provinces.—International News Agency.

### EMPEROR'S SPEECH

WILL ATTAIN ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE

Diet Opening

Tokyo, Dec. 26: Opening the seventy-third Diet, Emperor Hirohito, in his speech from the Throne in the House of Peers, said, "We take this opportunity to inform members of the House of Peers and Representatives that we feel greatly gratified to see the relations of Japan and her Treaty Powers growing in friendship and cordiality. Our officers and men by winning every battle are enhancing their military prestige at home and abroad while the nation is solidly uniting in overcoming the difficulties attending the current situation. We are confidently attaining our ultimate objective by depending on the unwavering loyalty and devotion of our whole nation. We have ordered State Ministers to submit to the Imperial Diet on the unwavering loyalty and the ordinary military budget together with various legislative bills. In view of the gravity of the situation we hope you gentlemen will co-operate by deliberating these bills and do your share in conducting State affairs."—Reuter.

### MRS. A. GOLDIN PASSES

PROMINENT MEMBER OF RUSSIAN COMMUNITY

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Anastasia Goldin, the wife of Mr. C. Goldin, Manager of the Majestic Theatre, which occurred at the Matilda Hospital last night. She had been in ill health for some time. The deceased, who was 40 years old, was born at Habarovsk and had been in Hong Kong since 1930. She was prominently identified with the Russian Orthodox Church. She was one of the foundation members and was Treasurer of the Ladies Committee until recently. Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. Goldin in his bereavement. There will be a memorial service in the Russian Orthodox Church at 10 o'clock this morning and the funeral will pass the Monument, Happy Valley, at 4 p.m. this afternoon.

### GRAVE UNREST IN FORMOSA

60,000 Revolutionaries Active

Shanghai, Dec. 26. Unrest in Formosa is spreading and a reign of fear is prevailing throughout the island, according to a report from Keelung. Chinese sources first disclosed the alarming situation in Formosa, and this is confirmed by a Chinese official news dispatch, although its source is not disclosed. Admiral Sakai Kobayashi, the Governor-General of Formosa, is reported to have prohibited natives from leaving the island, while those who return from abroad are subjected to close scrutiny at the port of call. Chinese residents who are going back to Formosa are required to give a guaranty before admission. Another report stated that about 60,000 revolutionaries are active in Formosa. Martial law has been in force there since December 24. In Taihoukou, capital of the island, extra police guards are patrolling the streets, and many are detained on suspicion.—International News Agency.

### WAR COST TO JAPAN

Emergency Budget For \$750,000,000

Peiping, Dec. 24: The war is costing Japan five times as much as it does China, believed foreign military observers. The Japanese emergency budget calls for \$750,000,000, as compared to China's \$150,000,000. Most obvious reason for the difference is that Japan is fighting on foreign soil. Half a million men have been transported from 200 to 1,000 miles, depending upon their base in Japan or Manchukuo. A fleet of seventy steamers carry troops to different ports in China. Railway operating costs in North China nearly all come from the Japanese Army's pocket. Another drain on the Japanese war-chest is the drafting of 40,000 men normally employed in agriculture and industry. Their salaries are relatively low, but the army payroll probably exceeds \$50,000,000 per month, it is estimated.—International News Agency.

## SALVATION OF CHINA DEPENDS ON HER OWN RESOURCES

"Birth Of Modern, United China Imminent"

—CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Hankow, December 26: Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who are both Christians, spent a quiet Christmas Day with immediate members of their families.

"It is my unshakable conviction that despite temporary adversity the birth of a modern and united China is imminent and the Chinese are ready to fight for this great ideal," expressed the Generalissimo in a statement to the Chinese press.

"Within two months at the latest," said the Generalissimo, "Chinese armies will be reorganised and the whole strategical plan to a considerable extent recast. This would entail an advantage for China."

Although it was impossible for the time being to reveal further details of the measures to be taken by the Chinese Government, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek continued, it could, nevertheless, be admitted that re-grouping of the Cabinet was intended.

He added that 300,000 Chinese soldiers dead and wounded would be replaced within the next few months, by new, fully trained recruits.

China had now come to recognise that her salvation depended on her own resources and energy, added the Generalissimo.

However, in this time of distress, help from the outside world would never be refused and China remained ready to accept such assistance provided the vital principles underlying her own existence as a state were respected.—Reuter.

### MYSTERIOUS BOMB ATTACKS

Against Soviet Citizens In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 26: Police in the Settlement and French Concession are busily investigating mysterious bombing attacks against Soviet citizens and offices two of which took place on Christmas Eve bringing the total of recent attacks to seven. The latest victims are M. Drury who was severely injured in the face and neck by a missile, believed to be a hand grenade, which was thrown through a window at his apartment house in the French Concession, and the offices of the Soviet Tourist Bureau whose windows were shattered by a time bomb.—Reuter.

### Holiday Sport

FULL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY

Having celebrated Christmas Eve in time-honoured fashion, the community in general continued with their merry-making on Saturday and yesterday and the celebrations will be continued to-day which is the last of the official holidays for Christmas Week. On Saturday football enthusiasts were treated to an exceptionally good match between the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and the Hong Kong Football Association which the former won by four goals to one. There were also cricket, tennis and other sporting fixtures and to-day the main attraction will be the International football match between Portugal and England while South China "B" present leaders of the Senior League, will engage the Hong Kong Football Club—a game which promises to be full of thrills. So far as cricket is concerned, there will be the Triangular Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Tournament game between the Army, a fixture which never fails to attract a large number of spectators to the local Headquarters. Kowloon Cricket Club seniors will meet the Navy in a friendly on the former's ground and the only League fixture for the day, a Second Division one, is that between the K.C.C. and the Navy at King's Park. The annual match between the European Staff and Local Staff, Hong Kong Electric Company, will be played on the Indian Recreation Club ground. Full particulars regarding the sporting programme for to-day will be found on Page 10.

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A foreign nurse dressing a wounded Chinese refugee.



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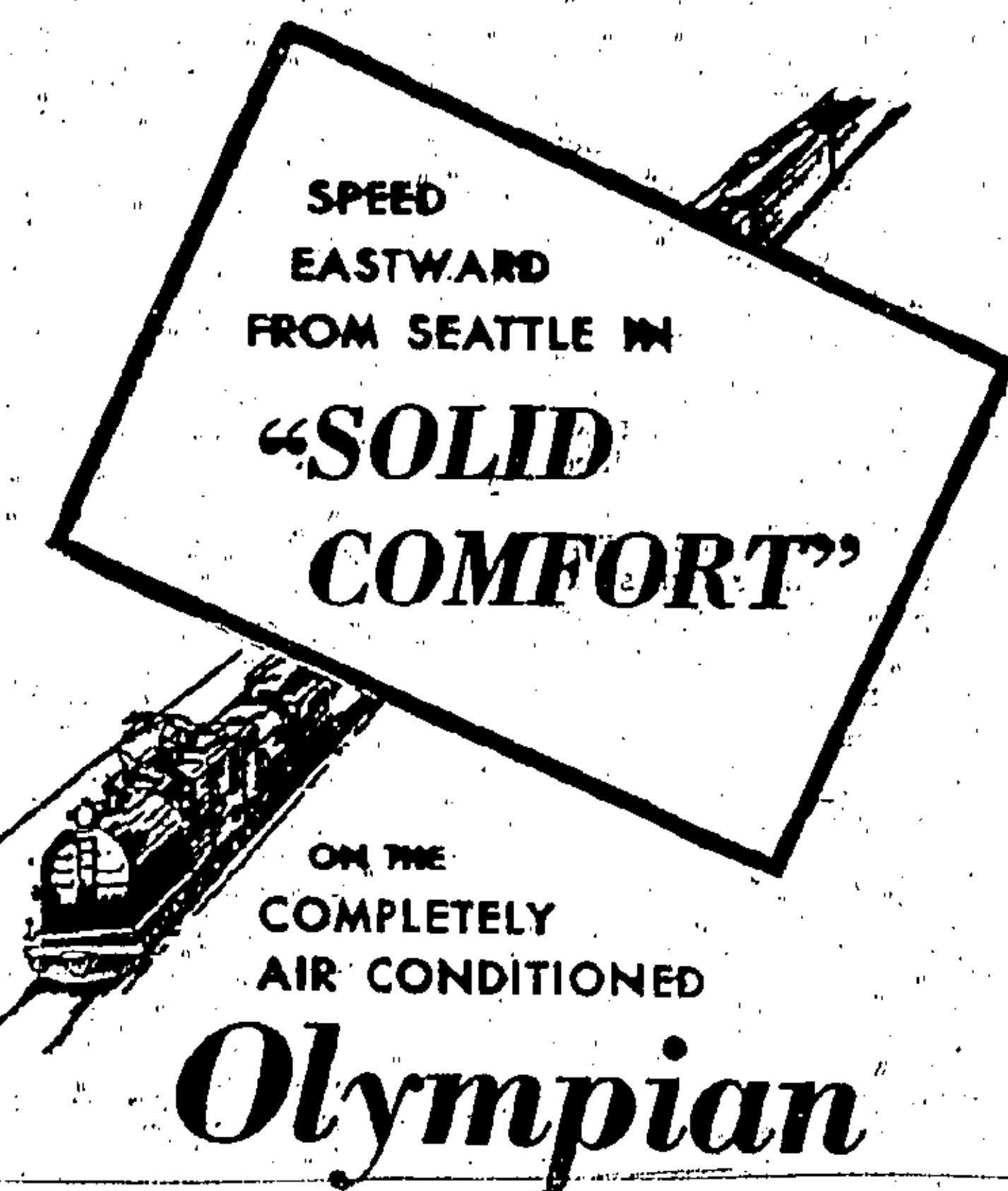
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## THE MILWAUKEE ROAD

NATION'S BETTER  
HEALTH RECORDLowest Rates For  
DiseasesThe Registrar-General's statis-  
tical review for England and Wales  
for last year shows that the  
country is coming healthier. The  
returns record theLowest mortality from infectious  
and parasitic diseases on record.Lowest tuberculosis death rate.  
692 per million on record.Less risk maternal mortality.  
Fewer suicides, and that  
People are living longer.Against these bright features are  
the following facts:A record number of traffic and  
accidental deaths.An increase in cancer deaths to  
a record, high figure, andA slight increase—in the  
death-rate, which was 12.1 per  
thousand living.More deaths occur in January  
than in any other month of the  
year. June is the healthiest month.The birth-rate at 14.8 per thousand  
living showed a slight in-  
crease over that for 1935.Risk of death from measles is  
disappearing. Twenty years ago  
there were about 1,000 deaths per  
million; last year the figure was  
down to 297.

RECORD CANCER RATE

Deaths from cancer numbered  
1,010 per million, the highest on  
record, and an increase of 9 per  
million on the year.The lower maternal mortality  
rates were: 1.34 deaths to each  
1,000 births from septic causes;  
2.31 from other puerperal causes,  
compared with 1.61 and 2.33 respec-  
tively.Accidental deaths including  
traffic fatalities, increased to 306  
per million, thus equalling the  
record for 1934.More than twice as many women  
are over 85 than men, the  
relative figures being 72,400 and  
34,740. Twice as many women  
committed suicide as men, the  
figures being 3,341 and 1,638.During the year 70 men died  
from war wounds, but not neces-  
sarily received in the Great War.REFUGEES SAIL FOR  
SHANGHAIThe s.s. Conte Verde, which sail-  
ed for Shanghai on Saturday  
night, had on board 179 refugees  
from the northern city who had  
been given Government refuge at  
the old Central British School and  
the old prison at Leichikok. Seven  
others who had previously booked  
passages were unable to sail on  
account of illness, and are remain-  
ing in the Colony with about 30  
others at the old C.B.S. quarters.The refugees were seen off by a  
large group of friends at the Kow-  
loon Wharf, including a number of  
servicemen, who sang carols and  
songs until the ship sailed.A number of those returning to  
Shanghai are without means, but  
it is learned that arrangements  
are being made for them by H.B.M.  
Consular authorities in that port.HIGHER RAILWAY  
CHARGESIt is learned from a reliable  
source that the fares on the Kow-  
loon-Canton Railway Line are to  
be increased from the beginning  
of next year. It is learned.First class fares from the Colony  
are likely to be increased from \$4  
to \$4.80, second-class fares from  
\$2 to \$2.40, and third-class fares  
from \$1 to \$1.20.The fares from Canton are also  
being similarly increased.It is further understood that the  
authorities of both the British and  
Chinese sections of the Line are  
also contemplating running an  
additional express in the evening.It was stated that the present  
daily express which leaves both  
stations in the afternoon is always  
over-taxed in spite of additional  
coaches attached and therefore  
there is a demand for another  
train.THEIR XMAS  
JOKE!A Morris touring car, belonging  
to Sgt. Wheeler, of the Traffic  
Department, attached to Tsim  
Sha-Tsui Police Station, which was  
left in the car park in Salisbury  
Road shortly after 8 p.m. on Fri-  
day, disappeared between that  
time and 3 a.m. yesterday.When the car was found to be  
missing, all Stations were notified.  
The car, driven by three soldiersILLNESS AFTER  
OYSTERSRestaurant Fights  
Woman's ClaimNEW YEAR'S EVE  
DINNER PARTYOysters and typhoid were dis-  
cussed before Mr. Justice Tucker  
in the King's Bench Division recent-  
ly. A woman declared that she  
was ill after eating oysters at a  
restaurant on New Year's Eve,  
1935.Mr. Russell Frederick Whiteley,  
of Dartnall Park, West Byfleet,  
Surrey, and his wife, Mrs. Brenda  
O'Dell Whiteley, claimed damages  
in respect of her illness. The de-  
fendants, London Restaurants, Ltd.,  
proprietors of Florence Restaurant,  
Rupert-street, W., denied liability.Tabor Brothers, of Manette-  
street, Soho, oyster merchants, and  
the Whitstable Oyster Fishery Co.,  
of Fish-street-hill, E.C., were joined  
as third and fourth parties on in-  
demnity claims. They also denied  
liability.Mr. Thomas Carthew, K.C., for  
the plaintiffs, said that Mr. and  
Mrs. Whiteley and two nephews,  
both medical students, dined at  
the Florence. Mrs. Whiteley and  
one of the nephews ate oysters,  
and a few days later they were  
taken ill.The aunt's illness was diagnosed  
as typhoid and at one period she  
was attended by day and night  
nurses.Mr. H. D. Samuels, K.C., for the  
restaurant company, cross-examin-  
ing Mrs. Whiteley, asked: "Have  
you been in the habit of eating  
oysters?""I eat far more oysters when I  
go to America than I eat here,"  
she replied. She added that the  
four oysters she ate had a dry  
taste.Mr. Samuels: I know what a  
dry taste is like after the night  
before.Mrs. Whiteley: They tasted like  
strong seaweed.Cross-examined by Mr. Russell  
Vick, K.C., for Whitstable Oyster  
Fishery Company, Mrs. Whiteley  
said that the menu described the  
oysters as "Royales Natives," and  
she thought they were good Eng-  
lish oysters."I see that the menu card wishes  
you a happy New Year," remarked  
Mr. Vick.

"WOULD NOT TASTE BAD"

Dr. Lionel Whitby, of Harley-  
street, specialist in bacteriology,  
said that oysters were the com-  
monest cause of sporadic typhoid  
fever.Mr. Carthew: If an oyster is con-  
taminated with typhoid bacillus,  
would it necessarily taste bad?—No.Dr. Whitby added that a stale  
oyster was a dead oyster. Assum-  
ing that when living it was in-  
fected with typhoid, the bacilli  
would multiply afterwards.Cross-examined by Mr. Samuels,  
Dr. Whitby said that, of 40 cases  
of typhoid which he had treated  
during the past four years, only  
four were attributed to eating  
oysters.Opening the restaurant com-  
pany's defence, Mr. Samuels said  
that on the day in question 800  
oysters were served to guests at  
the Florence, and this was the  
only complaint made.Prof. Richard Hewlett said that  
since more care had been taken in  
the selection of oyster-beds, there  
had been few cases of typhoid  
attributed to oysters.

"CLASSICAL KITCHEN TERM"

Replying to Mr. Russell Vick,  
Prof. Hewlett agreed that if there  
was typhoid infection among  
23,000 oysters that were taken from  
the Whitstable beds on Dec. 30  
and 31, 1935, he would have ex-  
pected something in the nature of  
an epidemic of typhoid.Mr. Morah Menti, manager of  
the restaurant for 20 years, said  
this was the only complaint that  
had been made during that time.  
The oysters supplied by Messrs.  
Tabor were always good.Mr. Samuels: What does "Royales  
Natives" mean?—Nothing at all.  
It is a classical kitchen term.Is it an indication that oysters  
are referred to?—Yes, and very  
good.Did you try oysters yourself?—  
Yes.Mr. Menti agreed that he was a  
"judge of oysters," and said that he  
had eaten three dozen at one  
sitting.who appeared to be making for  
their Camp at Lo Wu, was seen at  
several points. Eventually the car  
was discovered, little the worse,  
lying in a paddy field at Au Tau,  
near Un Long Village. Of the oc-  
cupants, there was no sign.SAKAIS ENGAGED AS "EXTRAS"  
IN FILMParamount's "Boo-oo" unit is  
now on location in a jungle some  
30 odd miles from Ipoh—to be exact,  
in a beautiful Malayan setting at  
Jalong, a few miles from Sungai  
Siput.Mr. Clyde Elliot, the director,  
together with his associate director,  
Mr. John E. Burch and their en-  
tire unit of 40, have arrived in  
Ipoh, where they are staying at  
the Grand Hotel."Shooting" began recently with  
some of the most thrilling sequen-  
ces in the film and in another six  
or seven months' time Malayan  
audiences will see on the screen  
a jungle adventure-film which  
the Times of Malaya under-  
stands, will outbid in interest the  
"Jungle Princess," which had a  
wonderful reception in this coun-  
try recently.In conversation with Mr. John  
E. Burch, the associate director, in  
his hotel recently, a "Times of  
Malaya" reporter was informed  
that the film would introduce  
music. Miss Ratna, the lead, willsing the two charming Malayan  
songs, entitled "Boo-oo" and "By  
the Moonlit Stream."Miss Ratna, a Javanese dancer  
of the famous Dardanella Opera,  
has been given the principal  
female role in preference to the  
many other girls interviewed be-  
cause she has the "film face" for  
the part. She plays the part of  
a half-caste in the film.

SAKAIS AS "EXTRAS"

For the first time, too, in filmdom,  
the "hill tribes of Malaya"—a  
tribe of Sakais—will appear as  
"extras" in this picture.Through the co-operation of Mr.  
H. D. Noone, the Ethnographer of  
the Perak Museum, these shy hill  
Sakais have been persuaded to be  
filmed. Mr. Noone will also lend  
his assistance in an advisory ca-  
pacity in the picture during pro-  
duction here.Asked whether they were at-  
tempting any colour sequences in  
the film, Mr. Burch replied "No."  
The unit will be in this district  
for a couple of weeks.FOG ISOLATES  
ENGLANDAll Traffic Services  
DislocatedLondon, Dec. 28: Christmas Day  
in London and South England was  
marred by one of the worst fogs  
experienced for many years. Traffic  
in and around London was com-  
pletely dislocated. By midday,  
everything was blotted out by a  
pall of darkness through which the  
light of street flares failed to  
penetrate.Christmas excursion traffic was  
badly affected and a large number  
of trains had to be cancelled. Re-  
ports of accidents have been com-  
ing in from all parts of South  
England. Air services had to be  
suspended entirely, and even those  
persons who had chartered special  
machines to fly to the Continent  
were informed that flying had be-  
come a sheer impossibility. The  
Channel steamship services were  
also held up, so that England was  
virtually isolated from the Con-  
tinent.

Fog Isolation

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football ground, the cricket pitch  
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idea of trying to create muscle  
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## BENITO MUSSOLINI His Policy And Methods

What Next, O Duce? By Beatrice Baskerville. (Longmans, Green, 10s. 6d.)

This is a very valuable book for those who would comprehend the policy and methods of Signor Mussolini. It is the work of Miss Beatrice Baskerville, whose work as a journalist in Rome has necessitated her close study of the day-to-day development of Italian policy, which is the expression of the Duce's personal will. For he is the Italian State in Italy and his will is law and no opposition is brooked, writes J.B. Frith in the "Daily Telegraph."

The Duce is above all things an opportunist. He changes front rapidly and without compunction if it serves his ends, and to understand his character it is well to remember that he is a strong admirer of Machiavelli. In her opening paragraph the authoress significantly quotes a famous passage from the Florentine in which he says:

Our experience has been that those Princes who have done great things have held good faith of little account and have known how to circumvent the intellect of men by craft, and in the end have overcome those who relied on their word.

More than a third of this book is devoted to a narrative of the Duce's Abyssinian adventure from its inception in the brain of Gen. De Bono in 1932 down to its successful conclusion. It is clearly brought out what a colossal gamble it was, how unpopular it was with the army and with the people until the anti-British propagandists had done their evil work and the imposition of Sanctions had stirred patriotic emotion to the pitch of frenzy.

### ABYSSINIA

During the long diplomatic negotiations the Duce was unblushingly playing for time while his warlike preparations were feverishly pressed forward, for he was determined to force upon his predestined victim, Miss Baskerville is of opinion that Duce rather expected that the Suez Canal would be closed to Italian ships, but he would seem to have put his main trust in M. Laval's stubborn refusal to be dragged too far in support of the Covenant. He had done a deal with him at Rome in January, 1935, when the French Premier had virtually given him a free hand, so far as France was concerned, in Abyssinia.

The authoress is of opinion that the negotiations were badly handled by the British Government. She says that after Stresa three courses were open. One was to negotiate, with Mussolini "according to the usage of secret diplomacy and borrow some of his bluff." The second was to wash our hands

of Abyssinia and let Mussolini take the consequences. The third was to act, as the British Government did act, through the League of Nations.

That is well enough in theory, but in fact the only course open to Great Britain was the third, since all political parties were pledged to the hill to act through the League and apply the Covenant. There was no real choice at all, and the weapons of the Covenant broke in their users' hands, because no country in Europe was prepared to risk a war for the sake of Abyssinia.

What the authoress brings out most clearly is that the completeness of the victory and the proclamation of the Italian Empire raised the Duce in Italy to the status of god, strengthened the foundations of his Autocracy and gave him a new lease of unchallenged power. One of his first declarations in the hour of his triumph was that Italian colonial aspirations were fully satisfied. But Miss Baskerville did not hide her conviction that the Duce's dominant idea at the moment is to acquire for Italy the mastery of the Middle Sea. The Mediterranean in the neo-Italian view is mare nostrum, our sea.

### THE GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT

The Duce is careful not to define what precisely he means by mastery, but that it includes a substantial diminution of British naval predominance in the Mediterranean is clear from his speeches, and the recent strengthening of the British defences in the Mediterranean is represented by the Italian propagandists as a breach of the Gentlemen's Agreement.

While not taking an alarmist view of the near future, Miss Baskerville holds it absolutely certain that the Duce's Spanish policy has been dictated primarily by his resolve to establish Italian influence in the western Mediterranean and weaken the position of both Great Britain and France. The present direct result of that policy has been to strengthen the unity of Great Britain and France, and it would seem as if the Duce had overplayed his hand on the strength of his confidence in the recently formed "Rome-Berlin axis."

What the next dramatic move will be—all the Duce's moves are staged dramatically—is uncertain. Nor does the authoress attempt a categorical answer to the interrogatory title of her book. What course an avowed opportunist will take is never predictable in advance, and Signor Mussolini stands forth from the sober narrative of this book as the most unblinking opportunist in the political world to-day.

### CONCURRENT ANGLO-AMERICAN POLICY

To Curb Dictators And Restore Order

New York, Dec. 25.

A concurrent Anglo-American policy to curb the Dictators and restore order and safety in the world, is urged by the New York "Times" in a two-column Christmas Eve editorial.

The journal declares that a parallel course would be both sensible and strong.

Self-interest suggests it, and world peace demands it.

Traditions and politics in the United States prevent joint action but the limitation does not necessarily weaken the position of the two democracies, who by acting independently but in a parallel direction, can set bounds on Dictators and treaty breakers by withholding raw materials and credits and without resorting to the formal plan called Sanctions.

On false information as regards British pacifism, Germany plunged the world into war with the disastrous results to herself.

False information as to American pacifism, and the concurrent mood of America and Britain, can mean but tragedy for Japan.

The democracies are moving for peace on earth, and their concurrent efforts can achieve it.—*Reuter.*

General Chang Chun Entertains Pressmen

Hankow, Dec. 25.

General Chang Chun, Secretary-General of the Generalissimo's

### ANGLO-PORTUGUESE ALLIANCE

Lisbon, Dec. 25.

Great satisfaction regarding the safety of the Portuguese colonies is felt in Lisbon political circles following the colonial debate in the British House of Commons.

One paper says that Herr Hitler and Mr. Anthony Eden have now given identical assurances that the Portuguese colonies could never become the object of international dealings.

Another paper declares that the Anglo-Portuguese alliance has been given a tonic such as it has not had since the days of Edward VII and Portugal has received from the most authoritative British quarters unmistakable proof of British loyalty towards her oldest ally.—*Transocean.*

### U.S. Embassy Official Going Home

Shanghai, Dec. 25.

Mr. G. Hall-Paxton, Second Secretary of the United States Embassy at Nanking, and one of the survivors of the Panay outrage, left for Manila yesterday on board the American destroyer "Peary."

His departure was unheralded, but it is understood that upon arrival in Manila, Mr. Hall-Paxton will take the Clipper to the United States and will then proceed to Washington with further details of the Panay affair.—*Reuter.*

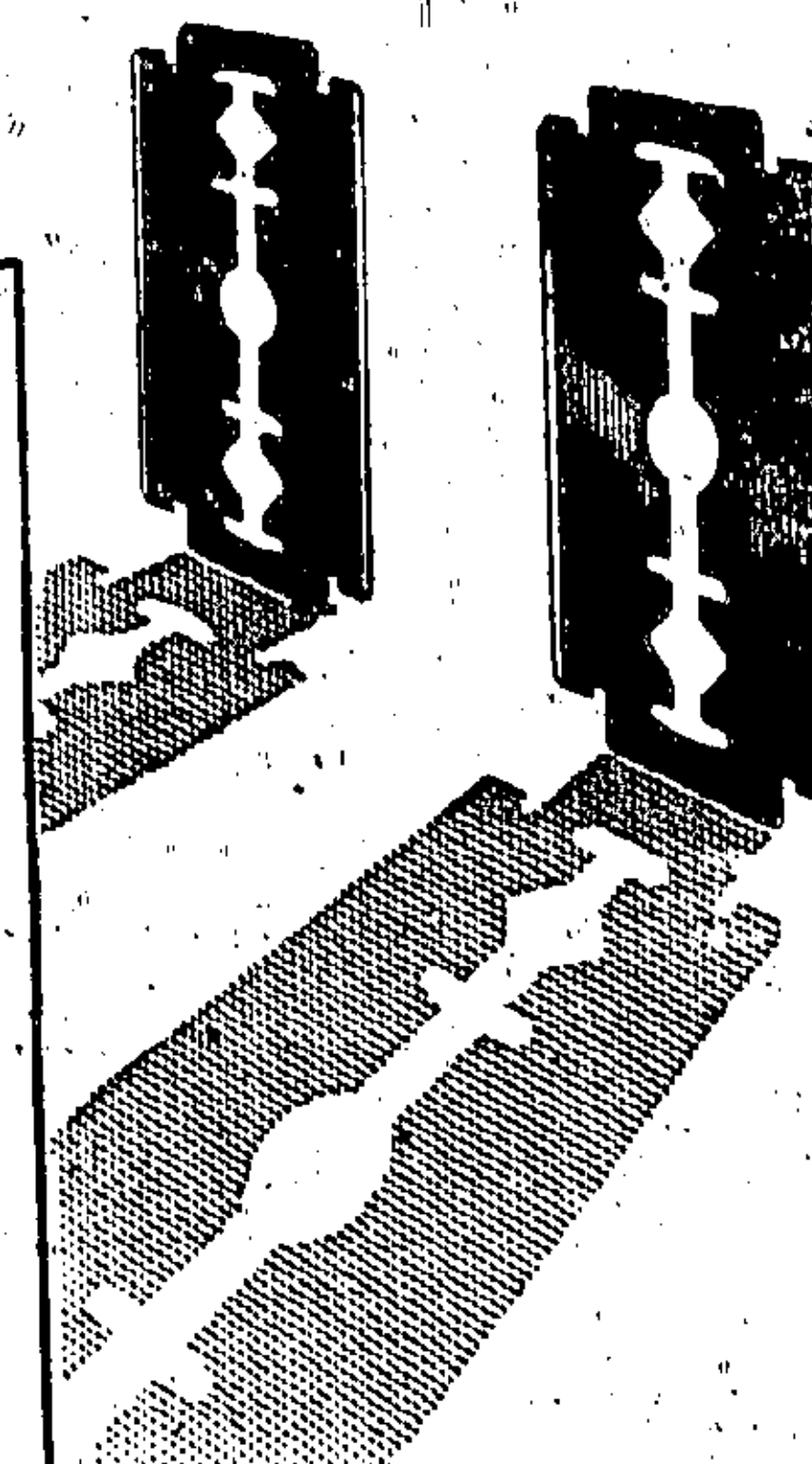
headquarters, entertained foreign pressmen at tea yesterday.—*Reuter.*

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### NORTH CHINA PLANS APPROVED

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

Following two hours' deliberation yesterday afternoon and after making certain modifications in wording, the Cabinet approved the plan for developing North China.

Substance of the plan will be reported to the throne to-morrow by the Premier, Prince Kono.—*Reuter.*

### "Negative British Policy"

Rome Dec. 25.

"The British attitude towards the foreign situation is false and antiquated," declares "Tribuna" in an article on international affairs entitled "Negative British Policy."

Object of the paper's irony is the leader in the London "Times" stating that the British Government and the Opposition were united in their ultimate aims, if not in agreement on methods.

The British Empire, declares "Tribuna," would like to have the world stand still in order that not the slightest change in the balance of power takes place, this being

### ISOLATED RESISTANCE

Barcelona, Dec. 25.

The Spanish Government has declared that only isolated resistance was being offered by the insurgents in the Teruel sector. The snowy weather was delaying the arrival of insurgent reinforcements.

The insurgents admit that certain parts of Teruel were occupied by the Government but state that the Government is still fighting bravely.—*Reuter.*

the reason for refusal to recognise Manchukuo, the Italian Empire and General Franco and support of the League of Nations as champion of the Versailles Treaty status quo.

The so-called British policy is negative and provisional, since the British Government studiously refrains from making any indication of its attitude and will not do so until its tremendous armaments programme is completed.

Other countries, however, will not sit idly waiting until a powerfully armed British Empire is ready to indicate the future peace of the world.—*Transocean News Service.*

### MOK SUFFERING FROM A CHILL

Gorilla House Closed

Mok, the Zoo gorilla, is suffering from a severe internal chill, and at the weekend it was considered advisable to close the Gorilla house to visitors. Mok has only had one bad cold since his serious illness in 1933, but he always causes more anxiety when indisposed, owing to the fact that he has had double pneumonia.

Mok dislikes being shut up in a small den, and until late on Saturday did not retire to a "sick bed." The next difficulty was to dose him, as he objects to taking medicine. Eventually, however, the keeper managed to make him take medicine in a cup of tea.

Molina is very worried about Mok. She watches him through the bars that separate her from him and tries to get to him.

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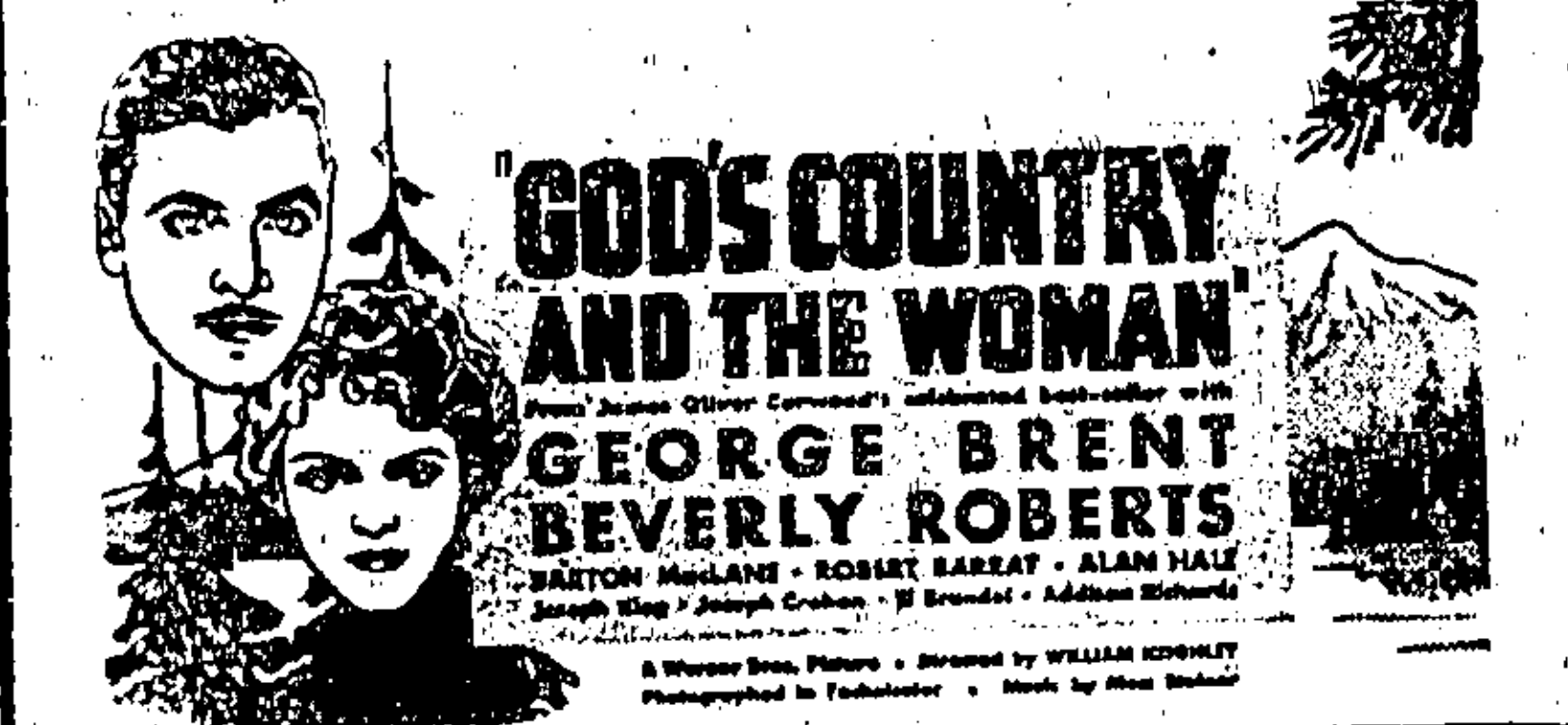


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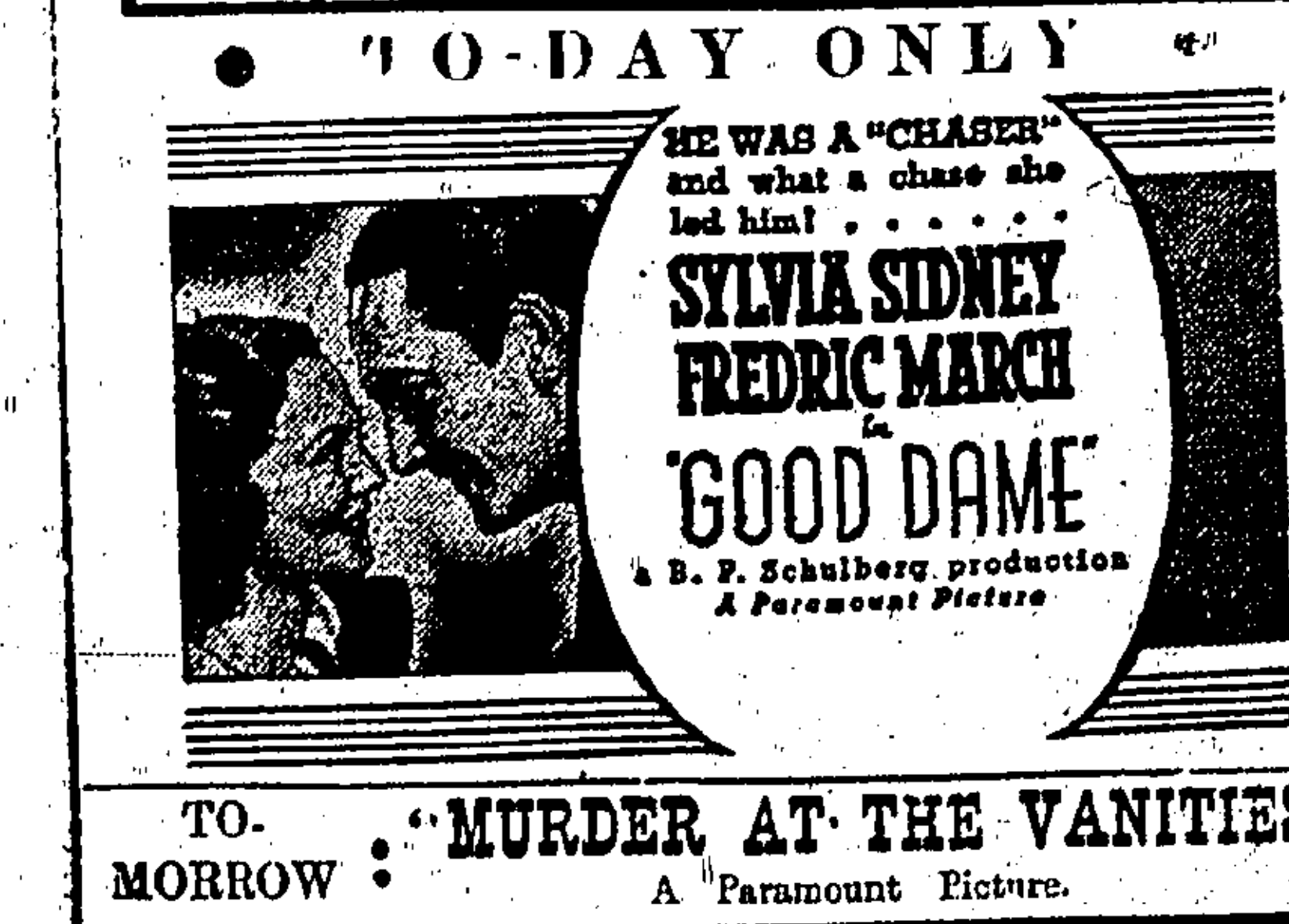
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TO-MORROW: "MURDER AT THE VANITIES"  
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"A heavy moustache lends a manly appearance to the face," says a writer. We hear of a man who has cultivated a very bushy growth on his upper lip and can now mutter back at his mother-in-law in perfect safety.

## TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—  
"All Baba Goes To Town"  
QUEEN'S:—  
"Varsity Show"  
ORIENTAL:—  
"God's Country And The Woman"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—  
"Make A Wish"  
"Good Dame"  
STAR:—  
"Morocco"  
MAJESTIC:—  
"Vogues of 1938"

Coming

KING'S:—  
"King Solomon's Mines"  
QUEEN'S:—  
"45 Fathers"  
ORIENTAL:—  
"Naughty Marietta"  
ALHAMBRA:—  
"Mr. Dodd Takes The Air"  
STAR:—  
"Murder At The Vanities"  
MAJESTIC:—  
"The Case Of The Black Cat"

## ALI BABA GOES TO TOWN

For drama, an actor may be grimly determined to give his best performance, and succeed. For comedy, however, this determination should be noticeably absent and in its place a gay, care-free mood if one is to scale the heights of hilarity.

Such is the creed of dynamic, jovial David Butler, who was selected by Production Chief Darryl F. Zanuck to direct Eddie Cantor's hi-de-hilarious musical hit, enriched by a revolutionary new three-tone tinted process, "All Baba Goes to Town," featuring Tony Martin, Roland Young, June Lang, Louise Hovick and a notable cast, which is the current presentation at the King's Theatre.

Butler believes that his actors must be having a gay time on the movie set if they are to register gaiety before the camera.

## VARSITY SHOW

"Varsity Show," Warner Bros. musical extraordinary, has its showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day. Starring the ever-popular Dick Powell and introducing in grand manner to motion picture audiences, Fred Waring and his nationally famous orchestra, the Pennsylvanians, "Varsity Show" marks a new high in musical and comedy entertainment.

Included in the stellar cast besides Dick Powell and Fred Waring are such leading figures as Ted Healy, Lee Dixon, Priscilla Lane, Rosemary Lane, Buck and Bubbles, Walter Catlett, Johnny Davis and Roy Atwell. Busby Berkeley, known for his imaginative and lavish production numbers in past Warner Bros. musicals, outdoes himself in "Varsity Show" with a smashing finale that climaxes more than an hour of supreme fun and amusement.

Playing side by side in "Varsity Show" are Dick Powell, veteran of many Warner Bros. musical productions, and Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, new-comers to the screen but old hands in front of a radio microphone, Rosemary and Priscilla Lane.

Dick Whiting and Johnny Mercer combined their talents to turn out an engaging musical score.

## MAKE A WISH

From a production standpoint, "Make A Wish" is exceptional. Much of the story is laid at a beautiful lake and a boys' summer camp, and the screen-play also abounds in rich interior settings, particularly a climactic operetta performance with a chorus of exquisitely costumed children. Kurt Neumann, Bobby Breen's mentor throughout his film career, directed.

The picture is an adaptation of Gertrude Berg's original story, which finds both Rathbone and Forbes in love with the beautiful Miss Claire, and with Bobby, her young son, inadvertently cast in the role of matchmaker. This situation leads to intense drama, which is relieved at times by genuinely humorous comedy sequences. A musical atmosphere pervades the story, since Rathbone is presented as a composer and both Bobby and Miss Claire as singers.

"Make A Wish" has its run at the Alhambra Theatre to-day.

## FILM INDUSTRY AND "QUICKIES"

### Meeting Foreign Competition

The view that the Cinematograph Films Bill perpetuates, in slightly different form, the weakness of the Films Act, was expressed in a statement issued recently on behalf of British film producers, directors, artists and employees.

The statement, which has been sent to the President of the Board of Trade and all M.P.s, urged that the following should be included in the bill:

"That no one film shall be eligible for both renters' and exhibitors' quota, and that it must be stated at the time of registering a film whether it is for renters' quota or exhibitors' quota."

The proviso, it was explained, would do away with unfair competition from "quota quickies" made by foreign renters to comply with the letter of the law, as they would be sold on their merits only.

### MORE EMPLOYMENT

This, it was stated, would result in raising the prestige of British production, divert into British channels millions of pounds now remitted abroad, and increase production and employment in Britain.

The Federation of British Industries has passed a resolution welcoming the introduction of the bill as evidence of the desire to provide an adequate scheme of protection, but regretting that it proposed to reduce the exhibitor's quota.

"The Federation," stated the resolution, "is convinced that this will be a serious blow to employment and development in the industry, and hopes that the Government will be willing to improve the quota provisions for long and short films, preferably by making the quota for renters and exhibitors independent."

## NORWEGIAN SHIP IN TOW OF DESTROYER

Gibraltar Dec. 28.  
A Norwegian steamer which has been drifting in the Mediterranean for two days after the loss of her propeller has been picked up by a British destroyer which took her in tow and is expected to arrive in Malta to-day.

Yesterday, the mate and three members of the crew were picked up by the British tender Olympus whilst drifting in an open boat in an attempt to reach land.—*Reuter.*

## RELIGION AND POLITICS

Vatican City, Dec. 25.  
We pronounce that there is a real and genuine religious persecution in Germany to-day notwithstanding denials, said the Pope, in addressing cardinals at a Christmas Eve reception.

He added: We deny the accusation that the Church pursues not religion but politics.

The Pope compared the charges to those made against Christ before Pontius Pilate and referred to Christ's reply.—*Reuter.*

## "CHINA DAY"

Bombay, Dec. 25.  
The president of the All India Congress appealed for observance of "China Day" throughout India on January 9 when collections are to be made for medical aid to China.—*Reuter.*

## VOGUES OF 1938

A first class side show went on during the shooting of "Walter Wanger's Vogues of 1938," the lavish Technicolor musical which brings Warner Baxter and Joan Bennett to the Majestic Theatre to-day.

It had all that it takes—comedy, romance, thrills.  
Comedy was supplied by two of Hollywood's craziest set jokesters, Mischa Auer and Alan Mowbray, who had Director Irving Cummings almost frantic with their ribs.

Also prominently cast in the proceedings are Helen Vinson, Jerome Cowan, Marjorie Gerson, Dorothy McNulty, Alma Kruger and Polly Rowles.

"Walter Wanger's Vogues of 1938" is released through United Artists.

## DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

MONDAY, DEC. 27  
Cinemas.—(See Page 5).  
Malls.—(See Page 16).  
Miscellaneous.—Hong Kong Civil Service Cricket Club's Annual Prize-Giving and Children's Christmas Tree.  
Moon.—XI Moon, 25th Day.  
Sports.—(See Page 10).  
Sunrise.—7.01 a.m. Sunset.—5.46 p.m.  
Tides.—High at 04.04 and 17.08. Low at 09.39.

## TOKYO DIET

### "China Incident"

Tokyo, Dec. 25.  
The opening ceremony of the seventy-third session of the Diet will take place in the House of Peers to-morrow in the presence of the Emperor.

In view of the decision of political parties to "refrain from unnecessary debate, but instead to urge and encourage the Government to carry out important national policies successfully," the session is expected to be uneventful.

Setting aside the ordinary budget, and the extraordinary budget in connexion with the "China Incident" the Diet will be called upon to deliberate the following questions:

Increase in taxation, issue of Government bonds, national mobilisation, state control of the electric power industry and adjustment of the Japan Industrial Company, which has now been entrusted by the Government of Manchukuo with management and development of heavy industries in Manchukuo.

All these questions however, are not likely to elicit any hot discussion, except the bill on state control of the electric power industry.

This measure will possibly encounter strong opposition not only by powerful sections of the House of Representatives but also of the House of Peers.—*Reuter.*

## RUSO-JAPANESE FISHERY QUESTION

Tokyo, Dec. 25.  
The Japanese newspapers hint that amicable settlement of the Russo-Japanese fishery question is in sight.—*Reuter.*

## LADYBIRD REPLY HELD OVER

Tokyo, Dec. 25.  
A Foreign Office spokesman told *Reuter* that the Japanese reply to the Ladybird note will not be ready for several days as the authorities are still waiting for a report on investigations on the spot.—*Reuter.*

## BRAZILIAN FASCISTS ARRESTED

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 25.  
A number of Green Shirts or members of the Brazilian fascists were arrested by the Brazilian Government on charges of subversive activities. The arrests were made under the new law disbanding all parties.—*Reuter.*

## SOLUTION TO CRISIS EXPECTED

Cairo, Dec. 25.  
It is understood that the Cabinet is attempting an attitude of compromise and it is believed that a solution to the present crisis will shortly be found.

The first Egyptian troops taking up garrison duty as provided by the Anglo-Egyptian agreement entrained at Cairo for the interior. A representative of Prince Farouk, the Prime Minister and members of the British military commission, saw them off at the station.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

## Italy And Britain's Warning

Rome, Dec. 25.  
A Milan paper refutes the charges made in the House of Commons Debate regarding anti-British propaganda and adds that even if the charge were true, such propaganda was made from true facts.

If the truth is unpalatable to Britain, it is not the fault of the truth but that of the British policy.—*Reuter.*

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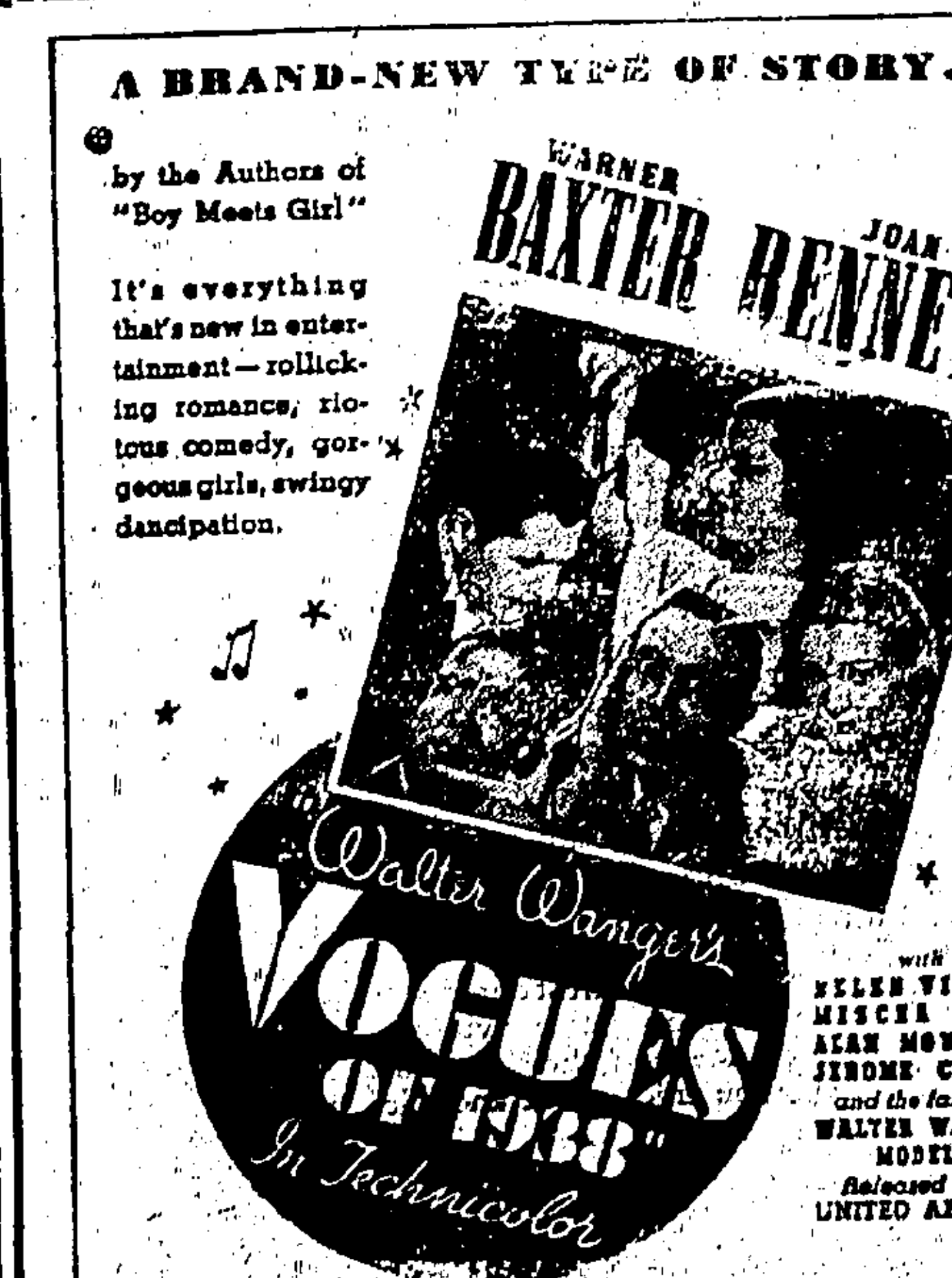


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## CHINA TO RESIST TO THE END

### Confident Of Final Victory

Hankow, Dec. 25. In an important interview granted to press representatives here yesterday, General Chiang Kai-shek discussed the plans and aims of the Chinese Government, and commented for the first time since leaving Nanking on his plans for further resistance.

"Never in history has destiny struck China such a blow as today," declared the Generalissimo. "For the first time in history, the Chinese people are inspired by but one will—to resist to the end."

"We have suffered severe losses but we are, in a position to replace every soldier, so that from the point of view of human material no difficulty is to be feared."

"Chinese resistance will increase with the passing of time, and this fact will soon become obvious. The policy of offering massed resistance to the Japanese is being relinquished in favour of guerrilla warfare, which will render the enemy's advance more and more difficult."

### CHINA'S MILITARY STRENGTH

Queried concerning supplies of arms and ammunitions, in view of the blockade, General Chiang said that the principal lines of supply are now from Indo-China, via Yunnanfu, and from the Soviet, via Kamsu.

Several hundred motor lorries have already made the trip from Indo-China, he declared, and a modern military road is being constructed in Szechuen, for the purpose of obtaining a direct route from Russia.

The Generalissimo emphasised that Sino-Soviet relations would not be allowed to interfere with China's internal policy, which was based on Sun Yat-sen's Three Principles.

Thanks to increasing sympathy in many foreign countries for the Chinese cause, and the gradual increase in China's military strength, Japan's situation was becoming increasingly unenviable, this being aggravated by internal problems and financial difficulties at home.

The Generalissimo expressed complete confidence in an ultimate Chinese victory.

Replying to a question concerning China's attitude towards Germany, he stated: "China is grateful for the sympathy accorded her by the German Government and people."

"We hope that Germany will always remain a good friend of China."

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### LEVEL OF YANGTSE FALLING

Hankow, Dec. 25. The level of the Yangtse at Hankow is steadily falling.

The river was 14 feet 6 inches lower to-day than it was at the same time last year.

The Japanese steamer "Kiang-wo," which was, on her way to Ichang from Hankow, has run aground half way between the two ports, and the steamer "Kwah" has gone to her assistance.

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### YELLOW RIVER CROSSED

Hankow, Dec. 25. It has been confirmed that the Japanese crossed the Yellow River in northern Shantung and have reached Chowtsun, a station on the Kiaochow-Tsinanfu Railway, 180 miles from Tsinanfu.

The Japanese crossed the river on Thursday in the vicinity of Putai and Hulming, and landed at Tsingloeheng.

After capturing Tsingchen, the Japanese advanced along two routes, one towards Chowtsun, heading for Tsinanfu, and the other westwards towards Tsinanfu.

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### JAPAN LOSING NO TIME

Peiping, Dec. 25. Constitution of a "definite" pro-Japanese government of China in Peiping will take place in February, according to Japanese quarters here.

It is also stated that preparations are now being made to replace the present "provisional government."

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## SIANFU INCIDENT

### Shanghai Celebrates First Anniversary

Shanghai, Dec. 25. Celebrating the first anniversary of the conclusion of the Sianfu Incident, when General Chiang Kai-shek safely landed at Loyang from Sianfu, public organisations in Shanghai have telegraphed to the Generalissimo at Hankow, pledging full support to the Central Government and to its plan to continue resistance against Japan.

The telegram states: "We have been greatly moved by reading your statement last week reiterating the firm decision of the Chinese Government to resist Japanese aggression."

"Although Shanghai fell more than a month ago, every Chinese citizen here is eager to do his part at all times for the fatherland."

"On this day, in remembrance of your safe departure from Sian last year, three million Chinese here are raising Chinese flags under the most difficult conditions, you and to the Central Government."

"This represents also our firm decision not to surrender, and our hope that every Chinese in the country, under our supreme leader, will fight for our final victory under the banner of the Sun Min Chu Yi with an ever-growing revolutionary spirit."

### FRESH JAPANESE OFFENSIVE PENDING

Hankow, Dec. 25. A fresh Japanese offensive in Shansi, whose capital, Taiyuan, was occupied by the Japanese some time ago, is expected to be launched shortly.

The Japanese have considerably strengthened their forces in this sector in the last few days, and now have four divisions in the province.

This army has been concentrated along the Taiyuanfu-Shichia-wang Railway.

The paper "Shao Tung Po" declares that the Japanese will find the Chinese forces ready to counter-attack.

In the southern part of Shansi, which, like the western part, is still in Chinese hands, order has been completely restored, and the population has returned to their homes.

In the northern part of Shansi, held by the Japanese, isolated detachments of the 8th Route Army are carrying on irregular warfare, which is reported to have led to recapture of a number of small towns on the Shansi-Hopei-Chahar border.

### NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR REACHES SIANFU

Hankow, Dec. 25. The new Soviet Ambassador to China, M. Laganetsorelsky, is expected at Sianfu to-day from Lanchow, says an official report.

The Ambassador is en route to Hankow but will proceed shortly to Chungking to present his credentials to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government.

Officials of the Soviet Embassy have already arrived at Chungking from Hankow to make arrangements for establishment at Chungking of the Embassy offices.

### LARGE-SCALE OPERATIONS

Hankow, Dec. 25. Well-informed Chinese circles believe that the Japanese intend shortly to launch large-scale operations in Shantung.

The Japanese are reliably reported to be moving troops from the Peiping-Hankow Railway front, in Shansi, and the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front, and are also sending troops by sea for an attack on Tsinanfu.

The Japanese are believed to be anxious to secure mastery of the whole of Shantung, and full control of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, as this would enable them to operate railway traffic between Peiping and Shanghai.

The Japanese would, at the same time, gain control of the important ports of Tsinanfu, Chefoo and Halchow.

### REAR-ADMIRAL HOLT RETURNS TO HANKOW

Hankow, Dec. 25. Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, who is temporarily in command of the British Yangtse flotilla, is returning to Hankow to-day.

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## FURTHER CHINESE SUCCESSES

### Large-Scale Offensive Looming

Hankow, Dec. 25. Further successes by Chinese troops in Hopei Province are announced by the Chinese High command.

It is declared that the Chinese troops are continuing their northward advance and have captured several more towns.

Tamingtu has been captured, and loss of this strategically important town, the main Japanese base in this area, will seriously affect Japanese conduct of operations.

The Chinese commanders are now organising the peasantry in order to consolidate their gains.

The advance on Kuanpin, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, is continuing.

Guerrilla warfare has been organised to such a state of perfection in Honan that the Japanese have been compelled to confine their operations to holding the towns, it being unsafe for them to operate in open country.

### INCREASINGLY ACTIVE

Meanwhile it is reported that the Japanese are preparing to make an attempt to cross the Yellow River.

They have assembled a large number of launches and junks at Putai, on the river, and the crossing will probably be attempted at this point.

The Chinese are making the necessary preparations in strengthening the defences on the south bank.

In northern Shantung, held by the Japanese, Chinese guerrillas are increasingly active, particularly on the Shantung-Hopei border.

Irregulars operating with incredible daring behind the Japanese lines are seriously hindering Japanese communications between the base depots and the front lines.

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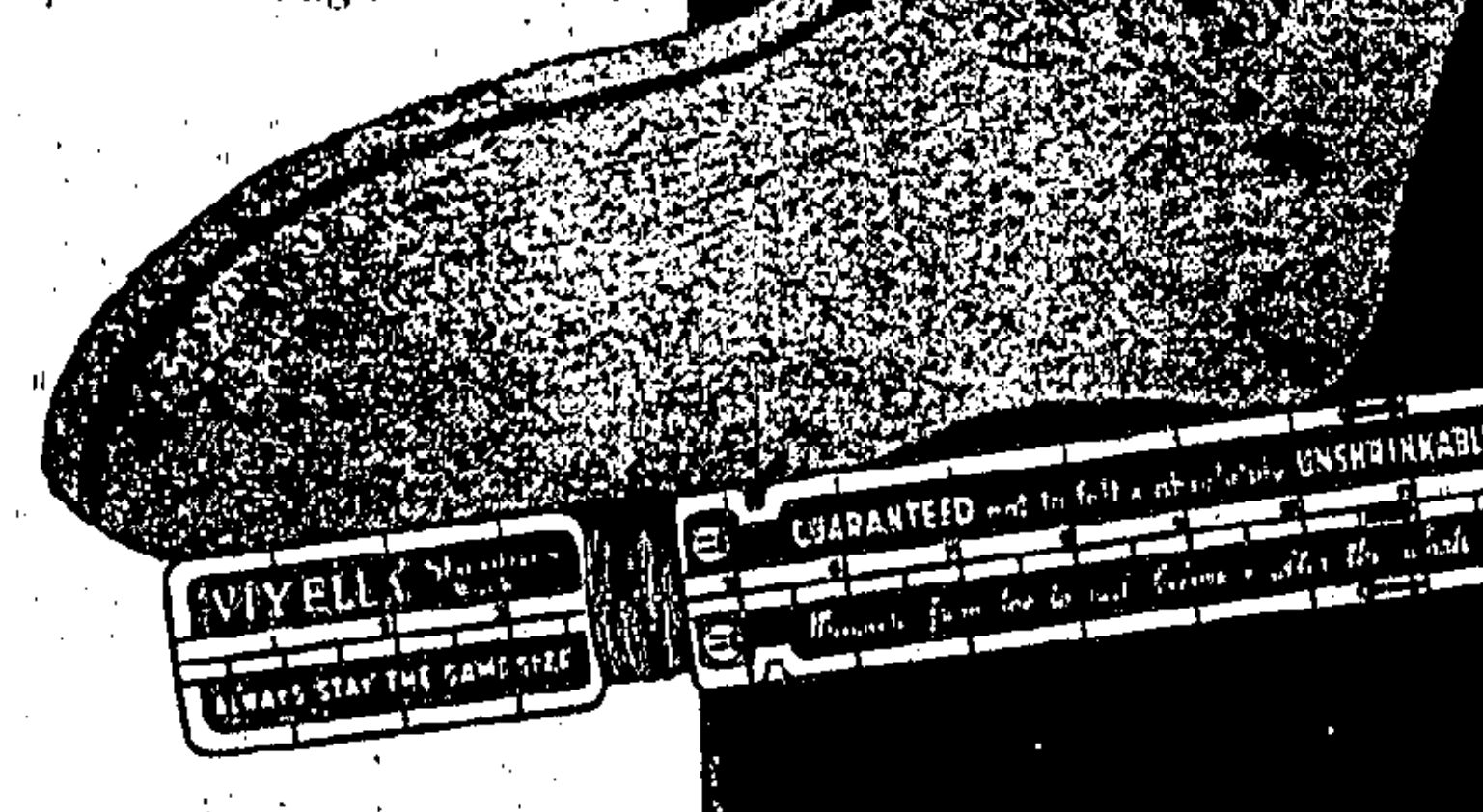
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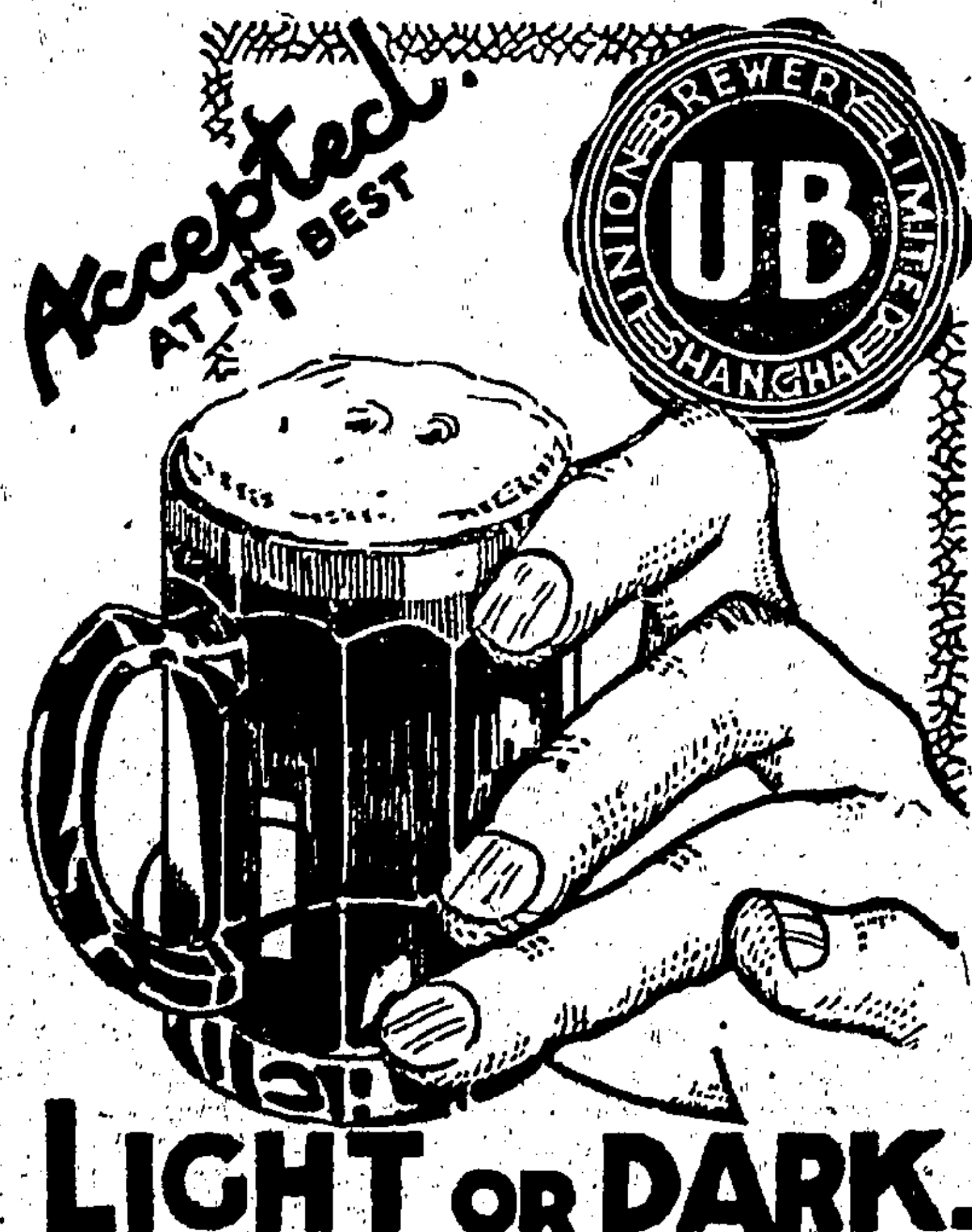
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## THE SERVICES

## ROYAL NAVY

## PUBLICATIONS BY PERSONNEL

In Fleet Orders issued on Dec. 17, attention is drawn to Article 17 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, which forbids all persons belonging to the Fleet to publish, or allow to be published, directly or indirectly, any matter or information relating to the Naval Service unless the permission of the Admiralty has been first obtained.

Cases have occurred recently in which proposals have been made by newspapers for the publication of letters or articles from naval personnel describing experiences while serving afloat. As a general rule, Admiralty permission will not be given for the publication of accounts of current or recent service operations. Somewhat similar applications are from time to time received from officers desiring to publish books of memoirs or reminiscences of their naval career. The Admiralty consider it desirable to notify the Fleet that in general their rule is not to give permission for the publication of such books while the authors are still serving on the active list or in the Fleet.

## SUPPLEMENTARY LIST SPECIALISTS

Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve who transfer to the Supplementary List of the Royal Navy will be eligible, states a new order to volunteer to specialize in physical and recreational training at any time after confirmation in, or promotion to, the rank of lieutenant. They will be subject to the conditions laid down in Article 328 (1), King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions. The other branches in which these officers are allowed to specialize are submarines, Fleet Air Arm, anti-submarine, and surveying.

## SUBMARINE DEPOT-SHIP

H.M.S. Allecto, Lieutenant-Commander E. R. Reed, is to be taken in hand at Portsmouth during the current financial year for refit, in order that she may be maintained as a harbour depot-ship to assist the 8th Submarine Flotilla at Portland.

## PAYMASTER-CAPTAIN PARSONS

Paymaster-Commander S. S. C. Parsons, O.B.E., the senior officer of that rank on the active list, was placed on the retired list with the rank of paymaster-captain.

## RETURN OF THE DANAE

H.M.S. Danae, Captain L. E. H. Maund, arrived at Portsmouth on Dec. 9 from China. Relatives and friends of the officers and ship's company were admitted to the dockyard to meet the ship.

## FLEET ENGINEER OFFICER

Engineer Captain F. R. G. Turner, O.B.E., Assistant Engineer-in-Chief, has been appointed to the Nelson for duty as Fleet Engineer Officer, Home Fleet, to relieve Engineer-Captain M. G. A. Edwards, O.B.E., who has held this post for three years. He will be succeeded at the Admiralty by Engineer Captain D. J. Hoare.

## SUBMARINES IN RESERVE

The Admiralty have decided that in view of the number of submarines that will shortly be in immediate reserve they shall be organized in groups as follows: Oberon, Otway, and Oxley (A group); Osiris and Oswald (B group); H 31, and H 50 (C group); and L 21, L 53, L 54, and L 69 (D group). The H class submarines are at present at Portland and the others at Portsmouth.

## COMMANDER K. M. FARDELL

Lieutenant-Commander K. M. Fardell, the senior officer of his rank on the active list, is retiring with the rank of command with effect from December 12.

## NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty: Lt.-Cdr. H. P. Brister, to Furious; C. L. Hill, to Victory for R.A.F. Station, Lee-on-Solent (Dec. 13); V. D.A. Donaldson, to Glorious (T) (Dec. 29); M. F. B. Ward, to Ramilles (Jan. 7).

Lt.-Cdr. (E). I. O. Backhouse, to Repulse (Jan. 10).

Lt. H. P. Byrne, to Drake for R.N.B.; C. P. W. Cross, to Hebe; I. W. M. Gill, to Wolfhound; G. R. P. Gooden, to Victory for R.N.B. (Dec. 23); L. W. L. Argles, to Fury (Dec. 29); R. C. Sewell, to W. Shaw, to Courageous; P. H. Wormell, to Furious (Jan. 3); A. E. M. Raynsford, J. L. Woolcombe, B. S. Pemberton, G. E. Luckett, J. B. Jeffries, R. H. Culverwell, G. H. D. Williams, E. N. Wainwright, R. W. Mayo, to Osprey for A/S. course (Jan. 4).

Lt. (E). G. S. Thorpe, to Royal Sovereign (Jan. 15).

Payr. Lt.-A. D. Gilbert, to Nelson (Jan. 15).

## PROMOTIONS

Senior Master—D. J. C. Smith, to rank of Hdmr. Lt. (seny. Jan. 8, 1938).

Wt. Shipt.—J. L. Hambling, to rank of Cd. Shipt. (seny. Dec. 2).

## RETIREMENT

Payr. Cdr.—S. S. C. Parsons, O.B.E., with rank of Payr. Capt. (Dec. 10).

## ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Lt.—J. I. Miller, promoted to Lt.-Cdr. (seny. Nov. 29).

Sub-Lts.—R. J. Tadhunter, D. S. Charles, promoted to Lts. (seny. respectively May 2 and June 17).

## ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgn. Sub-Lt.—R. A. Stenhouse, promoted to Surgn. Lt. (seny. Nov. 19).

B. H. Mose, entered as Prob. Sub-Lt. (seny. Dec. 4) and attached to List I of the London Div.

## THE ARMY

## SILVER BUGLES FOR THE DURHAM LI

Twenty-five silver bugles, given by individuals in Durham or subscribed for in the county, were presented to Brigadier-General H. H. S. Morant, Colonel of the Durham Light Infantry, at Durham recently. Brigadier-General Morant received the bugles on behalf of the 1st Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry, now stationed at Shanghai.

## BRIGADIER FOSS, V.C.

Brigadier Charles C. Foss, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., who has retired at the age of 52, entered the Bedfordshire Regiment in 1904.

## THE RANGERS

Lieutenant-Colonel F. M. Potter, O.B.E., who has assumed command of The Rangers, The King's Royal Rifle Corps, was on the Western Front during the War and has the 1914 Star and Clasp.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE

## STAFF DUTY OVERSEA

On relief in command of No. 12 (Fighter) Group, Hucknall, by Air Commodore T. E. B. Howe, Air Commodore J. H. S. Tyssen, M.C., has been appointed to R.A.F. Headquarters in Iraq for duty as Air Officer in Charge of Administration. Group Captain R. M. Drummond, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., from the command of Northolt Station, goes to Cairo for duty as Senior Air Officer, Middle East Command.

## MORE LAND FOR TRAINING

Negotiations are proceeding for the acquisition of more land for use in Army training, adjacent to land already occupied by the War Department.

One of the defects of Salisbury Plain as a training ground is its openness. Land which it is proposed to add will provide a belt of closer country about the River Willey, and in the north will extend the boundary which now cramps this area. Last summer a part of East Kent was taken for training purposes under the Military Manoeuvres Act in order to facilitate the training of troops stationed at Dover and Shoreham. The effect was beneficial, and it is proposed to purchase 16,000 acres between Dover, Folkestone, and Canterbury, which will give a manoeuvre area suitable to modern requirements.

## NEW COLONELS

Two lieutenant-colonels have been promoted to the rank of colonel, and two to brevet colonel. Colonel Gilbert Ireland, of the Burma Headquarters staff, gets the rank at 49 after 31 years in The Royal Munster Fusiliers and the 13th Rajputs.

## THE BORDER REGIMENT

Lieutenant-Colonel M. U. Manly, M.C., vacated command of the 2nd Battalion, The Border Regiment at Ferozepore. He is succeeded by Lieutenant-Colonel Gerald W. B. Tarleton, M.C., who was the senior major. Lieutenant-Colonel Tarleton is 44.

## CRANWELL INSPECTION

Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., A.M., Chief of the Air Staff, conducted the passing-out inspection of cadets of the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, on December 17.

## TRAINING COMMAND STAFF

Squadron Leader J. Vaughan Yonge, promoted in the October list, has been appointed to headquarters of the Training Command, Market Drayton, for air staff (administrative) duties.

## BENEVOLENT FUND

The fifth council meeting of the year of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund was held at the offices of the fund, Iddesleigh House, Caxton Street, S.W., Lord Wakefield was in the chair. It was announced that the Duke of Gloucester had notified his decision to make an annual contribution to the fund. The total expenditure on relief for the council year ended December 1, last, amounts to £19,814, which is nearly £1,000 more than the figure for 1936.

## AT THE CATHEDRAL

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Bishop Hall, preaching on Christmas morning at the Cathedral, said:—

It was prophesied that Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem. In David's city. Notice how that prophecy was fulfilled. "A decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the World should be taxed. And Joseph went up from Galilee into the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child."

Jesus was born to an old people with a great history, whose service to the world is unequalled by that of any other race, whose ability and zeal, even in matters of making money, have aroused the fear and the jealousy of many other peoples. But they were when Jesus was born, and nearly always have been, a subject race.

The subjection of one race by another is an evil thing. Like slavery, it degrades both those who rule and those who serve. Surely it is worse than death, worse, far worse, than the destruction of beautiful buildings, that one people should be conquered, dominated, subjected by another people.

## BELOVED CHINA

But Jesus was born at Bethlehem. His mother had travelled there at a time when no woman should be asked to travel. She had gone with her husband to be taxed at the flat of the Emperor of a conquering nation. So on this day God speaks to the very heart of our pain for our beloved China. Jesus was born at Bethlehem because his parents must go there to be taxed. From this humble member of a subject race has come the light of our lives, the redemption of our souls, our hope of immortality, and the privilege and joy of membership in the great communion of the Church of God, which transcends race, and people, and nation, in which there is neither bond nor free, male nor female, Greek, barbarian or Jew. In Christ we are brothers.

He is pure goodness, coming, not from man, but from God, the source of all goodness, to overthrow the power of evil in a world betrayed and dominated and conquered by the Satanic Powers. This has for us a stern warning. No good can come out of evil. Every evil act breeds more evil. But good comes from God, and at Christmas supremely, the conquering power of good and love was brought from the heavenly places and rooted in history, in the lives of peoples and nations, in the lives of families and in the hearts of men.

## AN EVIL SITUATION

And, as it was in a subject race, to a mother and father travelling long distances to be taxed by the fiat of the conquering Emperor, so it was into the heart of an evil situation that Jesus was born and brought with Him all the power of God into human life, so we can be sure that, wherever evil is at its worst, there also God is at work. As the lotus flowers from the filthiest slime, but takes not its origin from the slime but from the bulb that man has planted there; so we can be sure that, wherever human life is its blackest, its cruellest, its wickedest, there the Great Sower is sowing His own seed of goodness and will bring His own harvest in His own time. And there is this last thing. At Bethlehem the Eternal entered Time. Jesus came from the heavenly places where He eternally is with the Divine Father, bringing two gifts for men, one an eternal gift, the second a temporal gift. He brings us a promise of peace on earth. The great international community of Christians, the seed of His sowing, will in time be used of God to bring peace on the earth. We have been mistaken to think that nations and governments and leagues can bring peace. Peace is God's gift and it can only come through His Church which is His making. But it will come. Christmas bids us have faith for this world's peace in and through the Church of God.

## NO PEACE

But, in our days, in this year of Our Lord, there is no peace, and a prospect for the future is small comfort as we face the world today. And there the second message of Christmas speaks to our need. It is the Eternal Who entered Time. Death, suffering, subjection, are only in the Time process. They cannot destroy man, for he is God's making, and his soul can only be tried by evil and cannot be destroyed by it. There is for all who die, for all who suffer, for all who are subjugated, like the great open space of heaven, the eternity of the love of God.

"For as many as received Him," says St. John, "to them gave He power to become the Sons of God." In Christ our life here is part of an eternal life with God. This is not to say that the temporal does not matter. If it did not matter, Christ had not been born, Christ would not have lived, Christ would not have died. It does matter. It does hurt. It does grieve. But in all these things the greater reality is the great eternity of God. And the babe of Bethlehem, with outstretched arms, bids us bend our heads that we may enter the little cave where He was born. Stopping we enter to discover that it is not a low roofed cavern, but the wide room of Eternity where God is, God reigns, God loves.

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Patron Saint Day yesterday was marked by a special service at St. John's Cathedral. The sermon was preached by the chaplain, the Rev. H. W. Baines, who said:

Let me wish this dear church and you her children many happy returns of the day. Dedication Festivals, like birthdays are occasions when first we look back and recognise our parents and benefactors. We have much cause to thank God for them in St. John's, who chose this central yet secluded site and built upon it a church so full of quiet-spacious dignity, so full of serviceable; and those who have enriched it with gifts to express God's loveliness to eye and ear; and those who have adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour by their ministry—whether Bishops, Priests, Deacons, or laity. These have their true successors in our own day, as I gratefully know, who honour God and serve His children by generous gifts of time, money, ability, skill and service.

## A REALIST

Our Patron is St. John the Evangelist, whose Feast we keep to-morrow. We aspire like him to be disciples beloved of Our Lord. But let us hope we escape his fate for he has suffered only second to Jesus Himself the softening of sentimental memory. Perhaps it is because he lived to a great age and did not meet with a violent end as a martyr in his youth. But in fact St. John is most truly seen in the ambition which led him and James to push forward their mother to claim from Jesus a throne by His side and in the fulfilment of that ambition when he stood—the only man among them all—beside Jesus at His execution. John was a realist. He saw in Jesus the light of the world and he saw the darkness labouring to extinguish the light and he knew that the darkness comprehended it not.

We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord. Without that ultimate conviction all we do is a pompous waste of time and emotion. Unless the light shines through us from Him the church will degenerate into a club and religion into an escape, just as politics without ultimate conviction are degenerating into a naked struggle for power. Recent events so distressingly humiliating for the Christian West are the writing on the wall for the Church as well as for the political order.

## CHRISTIAN TRADITION

So this day calls us to personal rededication to the faith of the Beloved Disciple—that believing we may have life in Christ's name. Humanly speaking so much depends on us. The Christian tradition still holds sway amongst us; the decay has not gone so far as it has among some other peoples of the West or in the American continent. But don't neglect the warning of what has happened in Germany and Russia. A tradition may break down almost overnight unless it is upheld by a vital faith and buttressed by intelligent conviction. No half-convicted conventional Christianity can take the flaming torch of Marxism and Nationalism. It is not enough to hold that it is more decent to be good than to be bad. St. John's gospel of God in Christ, the Eternal Word made flesh, and that alone will suffice. We must demonstrate the sovereign relevance of that Gospel to the actual problems of the actual world.

## FOOL'S PARADISE

We may thank God to-day that there are many magnificent Christians in our company. Yet we are living in a fool's paradise if we delude ourselves that Christianity counts in Hongkong in a way commensurate either with its need or with the opportunity. If we acquiesce in present position in fifty years time the religion of Christ will be known to only a handful of old-fashioned people. That is not

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## XMAS PARTIES

Christmas celebrations in the Colony this year were of an unprecedentedly joyous character.

At the Tai Koo Recreation Club on Saturday afternoon, over 30 boys and girls gathered for a Christmas Tree party held in the Badminton Hall, which was suitably decorated for the occasion. Numerous games were played, after which Father Christmas (Mr. S. Hope) distributed the gifts from the Tree.

About 100 boys from His Majesty's Ships in harbour were entertained by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach at a Christmas dinner at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home on Saturday night. Games and community singing followed, the evening being thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The Salvation Army Home at Duke Street, Kowloon, was the scene of much merriment when annual celebrations were held on Christmas afternoon. Fifty happy girls, together with a large number of guests, sat down to a fine supper and later made merry with music and games. Gifts were distributed to the girls in the course of the afternoon. The girls sang carols on Christmas Eve, and a short service was held on Christmas morning.

being defeatist but realist, and honest admission of the facts. But of course we don't acquiesce in the present position; we are not downhearted. For Christianity is not first about our plans and failures about God in His undefeated Christ.

There is growing up a generation which knows not Jesus Christ. His name, history or truth. Children reach adolescence and maturity without conviction or guidance. Men and women reach critical illness. People are bereaved and mourn without any eternal hope. I meet them every week. More numerous than for many generations, we disciples are yet a minority movement. We must show the light and by the transparent excellence and joy of our own living back the generations slithering into Godless decadence. Personally as much as publicly the day calls us in Christ's name to be ministers of His light. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

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Acting Secretary.

COUNCIL ROOM,  
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December 14, 1937.

## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

A Portuguese by the name of Delasala reported to the Police that while driving along Prince Edward Road yesterday morning, at about 6 a.m., en route to Kowloon City, the vehicle swerved to the right when near the Police Training school and collided with two other vehicles. All three cars were badly damaged but nobody was injured.

While driving along Ice House Street at about 4.45 p.m. yesterday, Lee Sui Hong reported that his car (No. 4600) collided with a Dairy Farm lorry (No. 4423). Both vehicles were slightly damaged but nobody was injured.

TWO JAPANESE  
IN TROUBLEArrested After Scene  
In Peking Road

Two Japanese residents, Yutaka Kowada, 32, proprietor of the Mikado Yoko curio store, and Akira Masuda, 23, an employee of the firm, were arrested by the Police on Saturday evening as the result of a scene in Peking Road, Kowloon, when the two men were alleged to have behaved in a drunk and disorderly manner.

They had attracted a large crowd when Sgt. Estall arrived. Refusing to follow the police officer quietly they were only taken to the Water Police Station with difficulty. It is understood that a charge of causing a disturbance awaits them.

FORTUNE FOR  
PENSIONER

A fortune of £12,000 and property in Australia has been left by his uncle to George Henry Bolam, 77, of Correction House, Alnwick, Northumberland.

MUSIC TEACHING AT OXFORD—Estate valued at £24,261 (n.p. £21,303) was left by Lady Kelly, of Greenham Hall, Taunton, and of Sussex-square, Hyde Park, W., widow of Admiral of the Fleet Sir John D. Kelly. Subject to several legacies, the residue was left to her daughter, Antonia Mary Kelly. Should her daughter predecease her, she left the residue to be applied.

"For improving and encouraging the teaching of music at Eton College and Balliol College, Oxford, either by enabling the junior masters or junior Fellows engaged in such teaching to travel abroad, or by any other means which the trustees may select. 'I make this bequest in memory of my brother, F. S. Kelly, and I should like his name to be associated with it.'"

Estate valued at £15,545 (n.p. £11,955) was left by Sir John Latham Pount, of Fairlight, Shepherd's Hill, Highgate, N., one of his Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London and a former director of the London General Omnibus Company.

NOEL COWARD'S FATHER—Mr. Arthur Sablin Coward of Goldenhurst Farm, Aldington, father of Noel Coward, the playwright and actor, left £545 (n.p. £412).

## BIRTH

NICKLESS.—On December 20, 1937, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Nickless, a son.

## ENGAGEMENTS

BROWN-STEVENSON.—The engagement is announced between the Rev. John Lawley Brown, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lawley Brown, of Etching Hill, Rugeley, and Mabel Vera Stevenson, youngest daughter of the late Mr. H. O. and of Mrs. Stevenson, of Hilderstone House, Cannock.

FLEISCHER-SUNDBAK.—The engagement is announced between Nina Fleischer, Oslo, Norway, and Dr. Reider Sundbak, Shanghai.

## MARRIAGE

KEIMACH-BARSON.—On December 21, 1937, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, Shanghai, Freda, daughter of Mrs. and late Mr. M. Beresovsky, to George Cyril, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Barson, Orchard Side, Partacombe, N. Devon, England.

## DEATH

NEVER.—On December 13, 1937, at Halle a.d. Saale, Mrs. Trude Never. (By cable).

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## AFTER WAR—FAMINE

After war—famine and pestilence. That is the prospect which faces hundreds of thousands of Chinese who are scattered all over China to escape from the danger of death at the hands of the Japanese invaders. Messages received in the Colony from the war zones paint vivid pictures of the desperate scramble on the part of starving men and women, necessitating armed guards around ships unloading rice and other food supplies on the wharves, and accompanying the lorries which carry these commodities to the markets in the cities or other distributing centres. While such out of hand behaviour is to be deprecated it is one of the things which must be accepted as inevitable under circumstances such as is prevailing in the war-affected areas today. There were baten charges in a number of cases and if this state of affairs is allowed to go on indefinitely it is to be feared that more serious disorders are yet to come.

A very great deal depends on Japan. If the military leaders persist in refusing to allow the Chinese to return to their farms, which they abandoned when the hostilities rendered their homes too dangerous, the situation must be expected to grow more serious. Even if the starving farmers are given a free hand to act as they please, the position still be somewhat acute, and the question which Japan (or her military leaders) has to consider is whether, since she now claims to be in control of the capital, she assumes also the responsibility for feeding the thousands of hungry victims of her aggression. With her army continuing its work of wanton destruction, and more troops being distributed all over the country, her responsibilities to her own men are not likely to prove easy to discharge, and if she proposes to "usurp administrative in addition to political authority in those parts of China under military occupation, the difficulties of her campaign will be increased very considerably. But it is not likely that the Japanese militarists, will look at it from this angle though we feel that the more sober-minded elements in the Land of the Rising Sun must realise the folly of this particular point. Japan, or her military spokesmen, have all along made known to the world in general that this campaign will be carried out to its bitter conclusion until and unless China shows that she is ready to co-operate "with a friendly neighbour whose only aim is to suppress communism" in China. In this connection we have only one observation to make, namely, that merely standing by watching thousands of innocent civilians on the verge of starvation through no fault of their own is not very convincing proof of Japan's good faith!

## ON THE AIR

When an oak is felled, wrote Carlyle, the whole forest echoes with the fall; but a thousand acorns are sown, unnoticed, by the passing breeze. This reflection, or "wise-crack," as it would be called in the jargon of the day, is brought to mind by the latest official return of the number of wireless licence-holders in Britain. At the end of November that number was 8,372,000, showing an increase of 518,000 during the last 12 months. The development which is thus indicated, is, indeed, impressive. At the end of 1935 it was hopefully predicted that "the eight-million mark will be reached during 1937." That estimate was surpassed, with two whole months to go. Here, it may be said, we have a silent sowing of acorns on a prodigious scale—the seed, as it were, of a whole forest of spreading oaks.

Be it remembered that broadcasting is a post-war creation. It began only 15 years ago, and it is only 10 years since its control was vested in the British Broadcasting Corporation, which has now achieved the stature and dignity of a national institution. Almost, having regard to the public service which it renders and the influence which it wields, might it not be ranked as an estate of the realm? Since it has become a common possession we wonder how the world got on without it in the years before 1922, which nevertheless counted themselves civilised. It is estimated that the saturation point for wireless-sets is at the 11,000,000 mark; but as in other forecasts of human progress "the margin fades for ever and for ever as we move"; and a much safer subject of conjecture is the time that will elapse before what now seems saturation point is actually reached.

CENTRAL THEATRE  
CEREMONYGen. Chan Kee-yau Presents  
Certificates To Students

The first batch of passed male and female students of the Chinese Ambulance Brigade (Kwang Tung), numbering 394, attended a ceremony in celebration of their success at the Central Theatre yesterday morning.

The ceremony was presided over by General Chan Kee-yau, personal representative of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Hong Kong. A large number of visitors attended.

General Chan Kee-yau, in an address, reminded the gathering of the importance of their task at the front.

After General Chan had distributed the certificates to the successful students, an enjoyable concert was given by some of the students.

## OAHU TO SAIL FOR NANKING

Hankow, Dec. 26. It is learned from foreign sources that the American Consul-General, Shanghai, will proceed to Nanking from Shanghai aboard the U.S.S. Oahu on December 28 to inspect American interests and the 14 Americans still remaining in the city.

It is said that the British and German Embassies have made arrangements with the American Consul-General to send representatives to Nanking aboard the U.S.S. Oahu on a similar mission.

WORLD'S  
SMALLEST  
NEWSPAPERYoung Negro Editor's  
Enterprise

What is claimed to be the smallest newspaper in the world, the "Bimini Bugle," has been launched in Bimini, Bahamas.

It consists of 16 pages, each measuring 5½ by 4½ inches, with a covered coloured-shrimp pink.

The small hand-press on which it is printed was given to the young Negro editor by a millionaire sportsman, on condition that the size and style of the paper should never be altered.

The name "Bugle" appears on the front page in Gothic letters, and underneath is the announcement: "World's Smallest Newspaper. Covering Sports-news, Interviews and Personals."

The "Bugle" is published fortnightly, and includes personal items, letters to the editor, advertisements, notices of church services and air services and a number of "jokes."

JOURNALISTIC ENTERPRISE—There is evidence of considerable journalistic enterprise on the part of the editor and his assistant. Some examples are given below from the latest issue.

Under "Important Arrivals," the "Bugle" reports the welcome given a visiting yacht and observes, "I was there believe me like a seagull waiting to get the first hand information from the captain himself, regarding this unexpected visit."

On another page, under the headings "Birthdays Celebrations" and "Lawn Party a success," "Nothing was short of perfection for a scene as bright as day by electrical illumination, a full moon, and perfect weather all combined to make the occasion seem like the day was sent by special order. During the evening the male members of the party never gave up begging for an excuse to go to the refreshment room for water, but the truth was soon divined by the opposite sex who reasoned, that if water was what they were imbibing, someone was putting fire into it."

"In the wee hours of Tuesday morn attention was drawn toward four other participants who seemed to enjoy the party as much as their superiors. They were men's quadruped friends. Toby, Beulah, Fatso, and Rip."

PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT  
APPOINTMENTS

Peiping, Dec. 26. Mr. Shigeo Otake, formerly Director General of Affairs on the board of the Manchukuo State Council, arrived by air from Tokyo to assume the new post of Administrative Adviser to the so-called provisional government. It is reported that Mr. Kichii Sakatani, Director of the S.M.R. Company has been appointed financial adviser to the new regime.

TO ROUND UP JAPANESE SOUTH  
OF YELLOW RIVER

Hsuehchow, Dec. 23. Chinese forces on the north bank of the Hsiao-chingho are making a determined effort to round up the batch of Japanese troops which crossed the Yellow River in north Shantung. Bitter fighting is going on around Chowsan between the Chinese forces and the unit of Japanese troops moving eastward from Tsingcheng in an attempt to cut communication on the Kiaotai Railway, whilst another unit which is moving westward from Tsingcheng and has established contact with handfolds of Japanese troops which have crossed the Yellow River at Tsinyang is being engaged by Chinese forces from Tainan.

Central News.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS  
ENTER CHEFOO

Tsingtao, Dec. 26. Three Japanese warships are reported to have entered Chefoo yesterday morning and exchanged fire with the shore batteries. The firing was to test the Chinese strength, whereupon the warships steamed out of harbour. There was considerable alarm in that port during the shelling, as it was thought that a landing might be made.

International News Agency.

The governors of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath, decided to proceed immediately with a £200,000 building scheme on a new site nearer the hot mineral springs.



Soochow, September 21. Freight car derailed and in which many lives were lost as many people had taken shelter in it when the air-raid alarm had been sent.

TALLULAH  
BANKHEAD  
IN SHAKESPEARENew York  
Disappointed

Miss Tallulah Bankhead made her Broadway debut as a Shakespearean actress recently when she appeared in the leading part in "Antony and Cleopatra."

The critics are almost unanimously of the opinion that Miss Bankhead's inexperience in this sphere has proved her undoing. The "New York Times" says: "The Queen of the Nile is definitely not her dish." The "Herald-Tribune" states that the production is most discouraging, and suggests that Miss Bankhead would appear to be "the serpent of the Swanee rather than of the Nile."

John Anderson, the well-known critic, says that the whole affair is "the handsomest wreckage ever made hereabouts of any of Shakespeare's works."

Mr. Conway Tearle as Mark Antony is generally described as wooden and ineffective. Almost the only member of the cast who receives praise is Miss Bankhead's husband, John Emery, who plays Octavius Caesar.

## ACTRESS'S MISSING £1

James William Walton, 39, stage door relief at the Playhouse, Northumberland avenue, of Rockingham-street, S.E., was committed for trial by Mr. McKenna at Bow-street Police-court charged with stealing a £1 note belonging to Miss Elizabeth Maude, an actress, of Gordon-place, W.

He pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a jury.

Miss Maude said that she put a £1 note on the desk in the stage door office. Mr. Payne, the stage doorman went out to see about her taxi. Later the note was missed.

Walton, who said he did not see the note, was allowed bail.

FOUR CASUALTIES AT  
HSUEHCHOW

Hsuehchow, Dec. 23. Four Japanese planes staged a raid on Hsuehchow this morning, dropping four bombs at the east station and six at the north station, causing four casualties.

Central News.

## KWANGHSIEN RECOVERED

Hsinhsiang, Dec. 26. Kwanghsien on the western Shantung border is reported to have been recaptured by Chinese forces operating on the Hsiao-chingho.

It is stated that only some 300 Japanese cavalrymen, infantrymen were holding Kwanghsien and Tangyi, a town to the north-east. Discovering the small size of the Japanese force, the Chinese forces launched an attack on Kwanghsien and recaptured it without much difficulty. Recovery of Tangyi is believed imminent.

Central News.

## JAPANESE SHELL AMOY FORTS

Foochow, Dec. 26. Belated reports received here state that two Japanese warships fired over 100 shells at the Amoy forts on the afternoon of December 24. The firing was replied to by the forts and the artillery duel lasted about one hour.

The Amoy University will be removed to Changting on the west of Fujien border towards the end of this month.

Central News.

LIBERATION OF  
IRELANDDe Valera Becomes  
Premier Of Eire

Dublin, Dec. 26.

In his Christmas message to the Irish people, President Eamon De Valera referred to the new Irish Constitution, which will come into force on December 28, as the harvest gained from a century of sacrifice and as a liberation from obligations that had been imposed upon the Irish nation.

The Irish people, said Mr. De Valera, now stood on the threshold of a new era. It was centuries since any generation of Irishmen had such possibilities as now belonged to the present one.

The day on which the new Constitution came into force, when the Irish Free States would disappear and its place taken by "Eire," would be declared a national holiday.

In the new state, Mr. De Valera will bear the official title of Prime Minister. The name of "the first President of Eire continues to remain Mr. De Valera's secret."

Transman

JAPANESE OCCUPY  
HANGCHOW

Shanghai, Dec. 26. Converging on the city from four directions Japanese troops occupied Hangchow yesterday morning according to a Japanese claim. The first entered through the eastern gate which was followed twenty minutes later by a strong Japanese column consisting of five detachments which captured the northern gate. Meanwhile another column comprising six units took possession of the southern part of the city.

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## HANGCHOW ENTERED

Kinhsia, Dec. 26.

Japanese troops entered Hangchow city yesterday noon after the withdrawal of the Chinese forces to the south bank of the Chientang River. In order to prevent the Japanese troops from crossing the River, the Chientang Bridge was damaged by the Chinese forces.

The Chinese withdrawal followed bitter fighting at Kienkiao and Kungshenkiao, the north east and north-west gateways to the lakeside city. The Chinese line at Kienkiao was first broken through by the Japanese troops after severe bombardment from their heavy artillery.

Kungshenkiao was attacked simultaneously by Japanese mechanised units on land and Japanese troops going down the Tangchi Creek, flowing past the place.

With the fall of Kienkiao the Chinese forces here were also compelled to withdraw. Covered by peace preservation units, the withdrawal was reported to have been carried out in an orderly manner.

After their entry into the city, the Japanese troops conducted a house-to-house search. Foreign residents flying flags of their respective countries were not exempted.

Central News.

TUNGCHOW  
INCIDENT  
SETTLEMENT

Shanghai, Dec. 26. A settlement of the Tungchow incident, the massacre of more than two hundred Japanese civilians by mutinous East Hopei militia-men on July 29, has been reached. The main points are the payment of an indemnity of 1,200,000 yen, and an official apology by the Chief Executive of the East Hopei regime.

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## AMERICA ACCEPTS JAPAN'S REPLY

### Implied Reservations As To Future Action

## REJECTS JAPANESE ASSERTION THAT ATTACK WAS ACCIDENT

Washington, Dec. 26: The United States Government has accepted the Japanese Government's apologies for the Panay incident and assurances that every effort will be made to prevent interference of American interests in China in the future, but the wording of the American Note leaves no doubt that in closing the incident, the United States Government will closely watch Japan's conduct henceforth.

Meanwhile, the United States Government is determined to reinforce its position in China rather than to withdraw troops or ships from there.

The American Note, which will be delivered to the Japanese Foreign Office by the American Ambassador in Tokyo, states that the Japanese note of December 24 recites certain definite, specific steps which have been taken to ensure against infringement or unwarranted interference with the rights and interests of the United States and other third Powers, and adds that the Japanese Government is endeavouring thus to preclude absolutely all possibility of a recurrence of similar incidents. The United States Government observes with satisfaction the promptness with which the Japanese Government in their Note of December 14 admitted their responsibility, expressed regrets and offered amends.

The Note nevertheless tacitly rejects the Japanese Government's contention that the attack was accidental by stating that the Government relied on the report of findings of a Court of Inquiry of the United States Navy, which investigated the incident.

The conclusion of the Note expresses the earnest hope that the steps taken by the Japanese Government will prove effective in preventing further attacks on, or unlawful interference of, American nationals' interests or property in China.

#### RESERVATIONS

The last sentence of the Note to Japan is regarded here as the keynote to the whole matter that the U.S. Government's acceptance of Japan's apologies at face value is being tempered by implied reservations regarding its future course if American rights are again interfered with.

Diplomatic circles believe that the early appearance of harrowing newsreels of the Panay sinking upon the screens throughout the country have influenced the administration to terminate the incident with acceptance of the Japanese apologies before national feelings are further exacerbated.

Informed circles interpret the Note as signifying United States' readiness to make every reasonable concession regarding the incident, but if future events should prove Japan's guarantees are worthless, the President, having gone to the limit in concessions, at once will be in a position to adopt the sternest measures at the moment any further provocation occurs.

#### RE-OPENING OF EMBASSY

Washington, Dec. 26: As the text of the United States Note was issued here, it was reliably reported that the United States Embassy in Nanking would shortly be reopened, and the U.S. gunboat Oahu would take over duties of the Yangtze patrol formerly practised by the Panay.

#### COMMANDER'S REPORT

Washington, Dec. 24: The report of Lieut. Comdr. J. J. Hughes, Commander of the Panay, published by the Secretary of the Navy, blames the Japanese for an unprecedented attack of great violence and tells of nine Japanese planes bombing the Panay for nearly two hours, descending within a hundred feet of the deck while the whole time the weather was clear with high visibility. The Panay flew two large American flags visible at any angle. Subsequently an aeroplane machine-gunned a small boat bearing wounded ashore. Japanese surface craft machine-gunned the sinking Panay.

Mr. Cordell Hull states the finding of the Court of Inquiry raises no new major points, but both reports sent by Ambassador Grew support the United States demand for an apology, indemnification and adequate guarantees for the future.

#### JAPAN ANSWERS U.S.

Tokyo, Dec. 25. The Japanese answer to the United States Panay Note was handed by the Foreign Minister to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, yesterday evening.

The Japanese Admiralty simultaneously issued a statement saying that the aircraft which bombed the Panay and other ships had not been informed of the presence of American warships in the Yangtze.

These orders, it is declared, were given at noon on December 12, whereas information furnished by the American authorities that the Panay had anchored off Nanking, only reached Japanese headquarters at 5 o'clock the same afternoon.

Transocean News Service.

#### ATTACK UNINTENTIONAL STRICT ORDERS

Tokyo, Dec. 25. Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in reply to the United States Note of protest, in reference to the bombing of the Panay by Japanese planes, states: "It has been fully established that the attack was entirely unintentional."

The reply upholds the Japanese Note of apology on December 14, which stated that the incident was entirely due to a mistake.

The latest Note declares that as a result of thorough investigation, which has been continued since, in all possible ways, it has been fully established that the attack was entirely unintentional.

Mr. Hirota expresses the hope that the explanations given to the United States Embassy by the Japanese naval authorities made this clear.

As far as a guarantee against recurrence was concerned, Mr. Hirota states that the Japanese navy without delay issued strict orders to exercise the greatest caution in every area where vessels of a third power are present, to avoid recurrence of a similar mistake, even at the sacrifice of strategic advantage in attacking Chinese troops.

#### U.S. NON-COMMITTAL

Washington, Dec. 25. The Japanese reply to the United States protest against bombing of the Panay will be closely scrutinised by the State Department.

After the reports of Lt. Commander Hughes of the Panay and the Naval Board have been digested by President Roosevelt, State Department advisers will decide whether to communicate further with Japan on the basis of facts revealed in these reports.

Well-informed circles here point out that the Hughes Report scarcely tallies with Tokyo's contention that the whole affair was a mistake, but since Commander Hughes was incapacitated during much of the Japanese action, officials are loath to place most authority on the Naval Board's Report, preliminary accounts of which indicate that Commander Hughes' account of the deliberate nature of the attack, was fully substantiated. The insistence in the Japanese Note on strict orders being given to make recurrence of such an attack impossible in future, and the statement that "definite and specific steps" would be taken to prevent recurrence have been well received here, but it is too early yet to say that the incident may be considered closed on the American side.

#### FILM SHOCKS

It is predicted here that President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, will consider the matter further during the Christmas break. Only after a further period of official study will it be possible to say whether or not a further American Note will be considered necessary.

## SHARP ATTACK ON BRITAIN AND FRANCE

### Abyssinia And The League

Rome, Dec. 26: The speech of the Swiss Federal President, Motta, and the initiative of the Dutch Government for the recognition of the Italian conquest of Abyssinia have been seized upon by the "Giornale d'Italia" to launch a sharp attack upon London and Paris in an article which appears in its Christmas issue, under the heading, "Two Clubs Upon the Head."

The writer of the article argues against the thesis that the League of Nations can guarantee to protect the smaller nations which are now, in fact, showing how they regard the League with impatience and suspicion. "It is now proved," the writer goes on to insist, that the refusal of the League of Nations to recognise the Italian conquest of Abyssinia is not attributable to the initiative of the smaller powers but to Britain and France alone who have all along been endeavouring to conduct an anti-Italian policy under the cloak of collectivity. Hence their attempt to enlist the support of the smaller powers.

Transocean News Service.

## AIR RAIDS OVER FOUR PROVINCES

Shanghai, Dec. 26: Raids extending over the four provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang, Hupeh and Shantung were made by Japanese naval aircraft on December 25. Aerodromes, rail tracks and army barracks were the main objectives and it is claimed that much damage was done.

Reuter.

What is giving Government circles the most concern, it is understood, is the effect which the films of the incident will have on the American public.

Advance reports say that the pictures taken by an American cameraman on board the Panay, and rushed here by trans-Pacific plane for showing in cinemas early next week, are harrowing and of such a nature as to be liable to excite popular indignation, but there is little prospect that the Government could, or would, attempt to interfere with showing of the film all over the country, and the effect which the pictures may have just when the gravity of the incident seems to be subsiding, is believed to be arousing considerable anxiety.

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#### WUHU PROTEST

Shanghai, Dec. 25. The American Consul-General in Shanghai has lodged a protest with the Japanese authorities regarding the recent incidents at Wuhu wherein Japanese soldiers tore down American flags at the Hospital and threw them in the river.

Another incident occurred when the caretaker of the Wuhu Academy was ordered to pull down the stars and stripes from the flagpole in the Academy compound.

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#### DISASTER DUE TO CHAIN OF UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES

Tokyo, Dec. 25. "Neither the Japanese army nor navy was responsible for the Panay incident," declared an officer of the Japanese General Staff to foreign pressmen yesterday. "The disaster was due to a chain of unfortunate circumstances and nothing else."

A report to this effect, he added, is being sent to the United States Ambassador, and he hoped a peaceful settlement would soon be forthcoming.

The attack on M.S. Ladybird would soon be "piled up," as the Japanese Government was willing to make extensive concessions in reply to the British Note.

Transocean News Service.

#### "WASHINGTON PLEASED"

Tokyo Press Of Japan's Reply To Panay Disaster

Tokyo, Dec. 26: The press has prominently published an exaggerated version of the Japanese reply to the United States regarding the Panay incident with headlines such as, "Washington Pleased By Japanese Reply," to indicate a selected American reaction.

Reuter.

## KING GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

### Sandringham Broadcast To People Of Empire

London, Dec. 26: The Christmas message which His Majesty King George VI broadcast to the Empire from his study at Sandringham was listened to by over two hundred million people throughout the world. Speaking very slowly, and not without difficulty, too, the King took five minutes to deliver his message. He was alone in his study, whilst the Queen, Queen Mary, Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret Rose, the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent listened to the message in an adjoining room.

His Majesty said: "Many of you will remember Christmas broadcasts of former years when my father spoke to his people at home and overseas as the revered head of a great family."

"His words brought happiness into the homes and into the hearts of his listeners all over the world."

#### UNFORGETTABLE YEAR

"I cannot aspire to take his place, nor do I think you would wish me to carry on unvaried the tradition so personal to him, but on this first Christmas since our Coronation, the Queen and I feel that we want to send to you all a further word of gratitude for the love and loyalty you gave us from every quarter of the Empire during this unforgettable year."

"We have to promise to try to be worthy of your trust, and this is a pledge we shall always keep. As we look back on the year now closing, we see over parts of the world, shadows of enmity and fear, but let us turn to the message that Christmas brings of peace and goodwill."

#### IMMORTAL MESSAGE

"Let us see to it that this spirit will, in the end, prevail and every one of us can help by making that immortal message the keystone of our daily lives."

"And so, to all of you, whether you be at home among your families, as we are, or in hospitals, or at your posts carrying out duties that cannot be left undone, we send our Christmas greeting, and wish you, under God's blessing, health and prosperity in the years that lie ahead."

Transocean News Service.

#### NO MORE BROADCASTS?

It is understood that Court circles regard His Majesty's reference to the tradition of his father's broadcasts as an indication that further Christmas broadcasts by the King are unlikely.

The broadcast from Sandringham was relayed to every country in the Empire and also to America on three United States national networks. Reception was excellent practically everywhere; for example, Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Wellington, New Zealand both reported 100 per cent clarity, and Toronto reports that the effect was so natural that it seemed the King was speaking in the next room.

The Royal message was relayed by ZBW and came over very clearly, every word uttered by the King being distinctly heard.

#### ACROSS YELLOW RIVER

Tsinan, Dec. 26. Crossing the Yellow River 20 miles north-east of Tsinan, the Japanese forces occupied Tsinchen on December 23. They are now split into two columns, one of which is advancing to attack Tsinan and another is moving to Chouping on the Tientsin-Tsinan Railway with Choutsun as the objective.

Along this railway the Japanese hope to attack Tsinling from the west. Chinese forces are located in the north-east of Choutsun and Changshan to intercept the advance on Tsinling.

New defences are set up in Pelkuan on the northern outskirts of this city.

Chinese guerrilla units are active in Western Shantung and along the borders of Hopei and Honan, several frontier points being captured by these irregulars. These units are scattered between the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and the Peiping-Hankow Railway in the vicinity of Taming, Nanloh, Poping and Tangyi.

International News Agency.

#### GENERAL SUNG SAFE

Hankow, Dec. 26: General Sung Yuan-liang, commander of the 88th division who was rumoured drowned while crossing the Yangtze after the fall of Nanking has arrived safely at Kaileng.

Reuter.

## "CHRISTMAS EXPRESS" NEAR CRASH

### Alert Engine Driver

The alertness of the engine driver saved the "Christmas Express" disaster while enroute to Hong Kong in the early hours of Saturday morning, a few hours prior to arrival at the Kowloon Railway Station.

The train, which left Hankow on Thursday morning with British, French American and German refugees, covered the journey in a little more than 48 hours.

The incident occurred near Wong Sha Station, the terminus of the Canton-Hankow line where, it is believed, an error on the part of a signaller resulted in the train being switched on to the wrong line.

The express was speeding into a stationary locomotive when the driver noticed it some 300 yards away, and braking strongly, pulled up 10 feet from the obstruction.

One of the passengers was Mrs. Dewsbury who, made history by being the first Englishwoman to make the trip from Hankow to Hong Kong, via the Loop Line, on Capetown II.

Mrs. Dewsbury remarked that they had a fine time on this occasion and travelled in comparative luxury. "Hot water whenever we wanted it, a superfluity of canned goods which we took ourselves and a small party on Christmas Eve which was most enjoyable."

Most of the passengers stated that the advent of Christmas Day was marked by no special celebration although one party did get together and sing Christmas carols.

#### ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL TRAIN

Hankow, Dec. 26: The "Christmas Express" which left Hankow on Thursday with about 300 passengers picked up a few at Changsha. The next international train for Hong Kong will leave on Dec. 29. Necessary arrangements have almost been completed and it is hoped to evacuate about another three hundred.

Reuter.

#### TAWENKOW BOMB

Hsuechow, Dec. 26. Tawenkow, south of Talian on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung was subjected to severe bombings by 21 Japanese planes shortly after noon yesterday. Scores of explosives were released at the small rural town, killing many civilians and demolishing a large number of houses.

Central News.

#### CHUKI AND SHAOHSING ALSO RAIDED

Kiaohwa, Dec. 26. Chuki and Shaohsing south of the Chientang River were raided yesterday morning by Japanese planes.

Flying over Chuki, nine Japanese planes machine-gunned the streets and dropped a number of light bombs, one of which hit a tea-house, causing five casualties.

A man was killed and another wounded when nine other Japanese planes dropped nine bombs at Shaohsing.

Central News.

#### NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR

Chungking, Dec. 26. M. Luganets Erelsky, the new Soviet Ambassador to China, will present his credentials to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, on January 1st.

Mr. Erelsky who planned to fly from Lanchow to Sian en route to Chungking yesterday postponed his trip owing to unfavorable weather but will fly to the Shensi capital as soon as weather permits.

Central News.

#### JAPANESE-CHINESE NEWSPAPER

Shanghai, Dec. 26. To present the Japanese point of view, the Japanese general staff will shortly establish a Chinese newspaper here known as "Hsin Shun Pao," with a capital of \$200,000. The publishing office is at Wong Ping Street, Honan Road, where most Chinese newspaper offices are located.

Japanese censors at the General Post Office, North Szechuen Road, have seized a hundred thousand letters and other mailing matters, which are considered detrimental to Japanese interests. They are sent to the Naval Landing Headquarters at Hongkew for safe keeping.

Pro-Japanese pamphlets and literature are being turned out here to be sent inland via the Yangtze River, according to Chinese reports.

International News Agency.

## KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

On and after November 8th, 1937, until Further Notice.

| UP TRAINS          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| STATIONS           | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local |
|                    | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  |
| Kowloon Dep.       | 8.30  | 8.25  | 8.40  | 8.50  | 9.54  | 12.12 | 1.08  | 1.25  | 4.18  | 5.00  | 5.23  | 7.55  |       |
| Fauwau Dep.        | 8.38  |       | 8.51  |       | 10.01 | 12.20 |       | 1.32  | 4.27  |       | 5.31  | 8.03  |       |
| Shatin Dep.        | 8.50  |       | 9.03  |       | 10.13 | 12.32 |       | 1.44  | 4.40  |       | 5.43  | 8.16  |       |
| Taipei Dep.        | 9.03  |       | 9.16  |       | 10.27 | 12.46 |       | 1.57  | 4.54  |       | 5.56  | 8.37  |       |
| Taipei Market Dep. | 9.13  |       | 9.26  |       | 10.37 | 12.56 |       | 2.07  | 5.04  |       | 6.06  | 8.47  |       |
| Fanning Dep.       | 9.26  |       | 9.39  |       | 10.50 | 1.07  | 1.87  | 2.18  | 5.17  |       | 6.17  | 8.59  |       |
| Shungshui Dep.     | 9.39  |       | 9.52  |       | 11.03 | 1.20  | 2.00  | 2.31  | 5.30  |       | 6.30  | 9.10  |       |
| Shumchun Dep.      | 9.52  |       | 10.05 |       | 11.16 | 1.33  | 2.13  | 2.44  | 5.43  |       | 6.43  | 9.23  |       |
| Arr.               | 7.30  | 9.08  | 9.46  | 9.56  | 10.54 | 1.19  | 1.48  | 2.33  | 5.28  | 5.55  | 6.23  | 8.53  |       |
| Canton Arr.        |       |       |       |       | 6.00  |       |       |       | 7.55  |       |       |       |       |

#### DOWN TRAINS

| STATIONS           | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local | Local |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                    | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  | A.M.  |
| Canton Dep.        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Shumchun Dep.      | 7.00  | 7.55  | 8.59  | 12.17 | 2.28  | 4.11  | 6.30  | 6.40  | 7.10  |       |       |       |       |
| Shungshui Dep.     | 7.13  | 8.08  | 9.12  | 12.30 | 2.40  | 4.20  | 6.40  | 6.50  |       |       |       |       |       |
| Fanning Dep.       | 7.26  | 8.21  | 9.25  | 12.43 | 2.54  |       | 6.50  | 7.00  |       |       |       |       |       |
| Taipei Market Dep. | 7.39  | 8.34  | 9.38  | 12.56 | 3.08  |       | 7.00  | 7.10  |       |       |       |       |       |
| Taipei Dep.        | 7.52  | 8.47  | 9.51  | 1.09  | 3.20  |       | 7.10  | 7.20  |       |       |       |       |       |
| Shatin Dep.        | 8.05  | 8.50  | 9.54  | 1.22  | 3.33  |       | 7.20  | 7.30  |       |       |       |       |       |
| Fauwau Dep.        | 8.18  | 9.03  | 10.07 | 1.35  | 3.46  |       | 7.30  | 7.40  |       |       |       |       |       |
| Kowloon Arr.       | 8.08  | 8.58  | 10.57 | 1.20  | 3.37  | 4.52  | 7.37  | 7.57  | 7.45  |       |       |       |       |

(T) Will also run on Tuesdays.  
S.H. Will run on Saturdays and Holidays only for 1st class passengers.  
S.D. Will run on Saturdays only for 1st class passengers.  
Buffet and Luncheon car will be attached to this train daily.  
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## STRUGGLE IN SPAIN

### Ex-Minister On Outcome

### TERUEL SITUATION

Paris, December 26: The Spanish Republican delegate to the League of Nations and former Foreign Minister, Senor Alvarez Del Vayo, when passing through Paris on his way to London, gave an interview to the Socialist paper, "Populaire," in which he expressed himself confident regarding the outcome of the struggle in Spain. The military organization of Republican Spain, he said, had greatly improved so that it was now possible for headquarters to dispatch reinforcements wherever they may be needed. In view of the numerical superiority of the Republican troops, the new Nationalist offensive would, according to the ex-Minister, prove a failure.

#### ARMS FACTORY STRIKE

Paris, Dec. 26: Owing to insufficiency of food in Barcelona workers employed in the largest State arms factory in the city have, according to a despatch to "Petit Journal," ceased to work for the past three days. The despatch added that for fear of disorders no attempt will be made to prevent the strike. The new emergency paper money issued by the Republican authorities is, according to the same despatch, only accepted with the utmost reluctance by tradesmen in Barcelona where the economic situation is growing worse daily.

#### RESISTANCE UNBROKEN

Salamanca, Dec. 26: Renewed Republican attacks on Teruel have been unsuccessful, according to a bulletin issued by Nationalist Headquarters late yesterday evening which states that all attacks failed to break the resistance of the defenders. It is hoped here that the army under General Aranda will be able to cut off communications of the Republican troops. It is further stated that Nationalist planes again bombarded Barcelona and Port Bou.

#### OCCUPATION OF TERUEL

Madrid, Dec. 26: Republican troops progressed towards the occupation of Teruel on Christmas Day, according to a despatch published by the War Ministry which asserts that only a few buildings in the centre of the town are still in the hands of the Nationalists. It is declared that the besieged troops will soon surrender.

Transocean News Service.

#### PARIS STRIKE CONTINUES

Paris, December 26: The strike of transport workers continued here unabated over Christmas. Troops have been placed in readiness in order to ensure adequate supply of the capital with food and other vital necessities and also to ensure the despatch of newspapers. In consequence of the strike large quantities of goods of all kinds have accumulated at all Paris railway stations and it is feared that a large amount of perishable goods will have to be destroyed.

Transocean News Service.

#### FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER REOPENED

Paris, Dec. 25. The Franco-Spanish frontier, near Hendaye, which has been closed for some time, was reopened yesterday. However, strict control is being maintained, and only persons able to offer convincing reasons are permitted to enter Nationalist Spain.

Transocean News Service.

#### NEWTON BAKER DEAD

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 26: The death is announced of Mr. Newton Baker, former War Secretary.



## HOLIDAY TREAT FOR FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS

## Tennis At The U.S.R.C.

## Tournament Results

The following are the results to date in the United Services Recreation Club autumn tennis tournament—

## MEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP

(First Round:  
G. E. R. Divett and J. F. L. Smalley (—30) beat Capt. Pearson and Dr. J. T. Smalley (—30) 6-0, 6-2.

Lt. Coppinger and Lt. Langley (—15.3) beat Wing Comdr. Bishop and Major Richards (—15.3) 6-1, 6-2.  
Lt. Cdr. Mills and Paym. Cdr. Herbert (—30) beat Lt. Shirley and Lt. Jenkins (—15.5) 6-2, 6-3.

Lt. Corbett and P. O. Lumsden (—30) beat F. O. Cooper and F. O. Allin (—15.4) 6-3, 7-5.  
Lt. Cdr. Rump and Lt. Watt (—15.3) beat Lt. Sanderson and Lt. Woods (—30) 6-3, 6-4.

Second Round:  
Capt. Loch and Lt. Tomlinson (—15.5) beat Lt. Cdr. Rump and Lt. Watt (—15.5) 2-6, 9-7, 6-3.

## MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:  
A. L. Sullivan (holder) beat F. H. Stokes 6-3, 6-0.  
Paym. Cdr. Herbert beat Lt. Shirley 6-1, 6-0.  
Lt. Watt beat Lt. Corbett 6-2, 6-4.

G. E. R. Divett beat Lt. Cdr. Rump 6-1, 6-3.  
G. Polglase beat Lt. Cdr. Divall 6-3, 6-4.  
H. J. Armstrong beat F. O. Allin 6-4, 6-2.

Second Round:  
A. L. Sullivan beat Paym. Cdr. Herbert 6-3, 6-0.  
Lt. Watt (—15.2) beat Lt. Cdr. Mills (—15.2) 6-2, 6-4.  
F. H. Stokes (—15) beat Wing Cdr. Bishop (—15.5) 6-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Lt. Woods (—30) beat Lt. Sanderson (—30) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.  
Lt. Corbett (—15) beat J. F. L. Smalley (—30) 7-5, 6-3.

Capt. Maisey (—30) beat Major McDonald (—15.4) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.  
Dr. J. T. Smalley (—30) beat Capt. Laurence (—15.2) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Byes into 2nd Round:  
Lt. Cdr. Rump (—15.2) beat G. Polglase (—15.4) 6-3, 6-4.

## LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP

First Round:  
Mrs. Holmes and Miss Griffiths (—30.3) beat Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Billings (—3.6) 4-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Mrs. Shirley and Mrs. Stokes (—5.6) beat Mrs. Hodgkinson and Miss Langley (4-4) 6-1, 6-3.  
Mrs. Hernans and Miss Taylor (—15.4) beat Mrs. Walker and Miss Marmont (—15) 6-4, 6-4.

Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Oliver (—30) beat Mrs. Tancock and Mrs. Yates (—2.6) 7-5, 1-6, 6-1.

## LADIES' SINGLES HANDICAP

Miss M. Griffiths (—30.3) beat Mrs. Thompson (—15.1) 6-2, 4-0 (retired).

First Round:  
Mrs. Leonard (—15.1) beat Mrs. Tancock (—4.6) 6-1, 6-2.  
Miss Taylor (—15.3) beat Miss Watts (4) 6-0, 6-1.

Byes into 2nd Round:  
Mrs. Austin (—3.6) beat Mrs. Burke (scr.) 6-2, 6-0.  
Mrs. Holmes (—15.3) beat Mrs. Billings (—3.6) 2-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Third Round:  
Mrs. Holmes (—15.3) beat Mrs. Austin (—3.6) 6-3, 6-3.

## LADIES' SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. Shirley beat Miss Marmont 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.  
Mrs. Wingfield beat Mrs. Ralston 6-0, 6-2.

Miss Taylor beat Mrs. J. P. Whitham 6-3, 6-2.  
Mrs. Thompson beat Mrs. Stokes 6-0, 6-2.

Mrs. Holmes beat Mrs. Watts 6-3, 6-0.  
Mrs. Walker beat Mrs. Rump 6-2, 6-2.

Mrs. Billings beat Mrs. Leonard 10-8, 6-0.  
Mrs. Oliver beat Miss M. Griffiths 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

## TRAVEL ASSOCIATION

The Chairman of the Hong Kong Travel Association acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions to the Association for the period of 1937-1938.

Messrs. W. H. Loxley & Co., (China) Ltd., \$50. The Hong Kong and Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., \$50.

## CHINESE ELEVEN TOO GOOD FOR THE ASSOCIATION

## Fung King-Cheung's Classic Display

The Christmas Day charity football match between the Hong Kong Football Association and the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, played at Caroline Hill on Saturday, saw the Federation team win by four goals to one after a game alternating between brilliance and mediocrity.

The outstanding cause of the Association's defeat was poor half-back play and bad positioning, the Chinese gaining many opportunities in the way while mis-directed passes threw far too heavy a burden on the shoulders of Ulrich and Hussain, the full-backs.

In addition, the Chinese forwards were in fine form and it is probable that if they had not been offered openings, as happened on several occasions, they would have made them.

They played with much more assurance and polish than their opposite numbers, never wasting the ball through being over-enthusiastic, nor showing any hesitation in going towards it.

Praise of Fung King-cheung has become almost a routine of late, but it is no whit less deserved in this match than in other recent games. As nearly always, he played a brand of scientific, classy football. The others gave him able support.

Their defence, too, was near-perfect and Lee Tin-sang wrecked Association hopes time and again with his quick tackling and clean kicking.

## LEONARD AND KNOX

Few of the losing side really impressed with their play, the best work coming from Leonard and Knox, who both shot for goal at the last opportunity.

The first goal came from Chan Tak-fai, following a combined forward movement, and not long afterwards Chan Bing-to added another. Knox reduced the Association arrears before half-time but after the interval the Federation had things their own way and added further points through Chan Tak-fai and Hau Ching-to.

Teams:—  
H.K.F.A.:—Rowlands (Kowloon); Hussain (St. Joseph's), Ulrich (Kowloon); Evans (Kowloon); Sherman (Navy); Wilson (Club); Freshwater (Middlesex); Leonard (St. Joseph's); Knox (Kowloon); McGuigan (Seafarths); Bickford (Club).  
H.K.C.A.A.P.:—Tam Kwan-kon (S. China "A"); Mak Shui-hon (S. China "A"); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"); Soong Jing-sing (Eastern A.A.); Lau Wai-kee (S. China "A"); Chan Bing-to (Eastern A.A.); Fung King-cheung (S. China "A"); Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"); Lai Shu-wing (S. China "A"); Hau Ching-to (Eastern A.A.).

## LADIES' MATCH

The ladies' football match which was scheduled to serve as a curtain-raiser to the charity game above was not played, as it was not possible to arrange the fixture.

There is a possibility that a game of this nature will be played on January 9.

## TO-DAY'S GAMES

## International Charity Cup

The "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup football competition opens to-day, when England will play Portugal on the Kowloon Football Club ground, the match commencing at 3.30.

Two fairly representative teams have been chosen and though at first sight Portugal may appear to have an edge over their opponents, the latter possess a number of outstanding players and the game promises at least to be an interesting one.

Teams:—  
England:—Church (Navy); Webster (Seafarths) and C. Pile (Police); Lalster (Navy); Bright (Middlesex) and Bliss (Kowloon); Freshwater (Middlesex); Howlett (Police); Pearson (Middlesex); Saw (Middlesex) and Middleton (Navy).  
Portugal:—R. Marques; V. Costa and A. Alves; C. Remedios; N. Delgado; A. Ward; B. Gosano; J. Gomes and T. Alves.

## LEAGUE MATCH

An interesting match is scheduled in the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League to-day, when the Hong Kong Football Club meet South China "B". The Club have had a lean time to date this season, but they are fielding a reorganised side and are hopeful of putting up a good display in this game. South China are playing what is probably their best eleven.

Teams:—  
Club:—L. D. Skinner; Nichols and Nugent; D. Hynes; J. Skinner and A. Wilson; Fisher; Stone; F. Fowler; Hill and Bickford.

South China:—Tam Kwong-kon; Chang Fal-lum and Lau Mau; Leung In-cham; Lam Tak-po and Chea Kam-hung; Yeung Shui-yek; Ng Po-kul; Chan Tak-fai; Tay Quee-lung and Lee Shek-yau.

## MACAO RACE ENTRIES

## NEW YEAR MEETING

The following are the entries and handicaps for the January Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, to be held on January 2, 1938:

1st Race.—The Szechuen Handicap. Six Furlongs:—Fairly Auk, (158) Fairy Ousel, (151); Meadow Eve, (163); Merry Maker, (150); Rotheras Bay (160).

2nd Race.—Ching Hoi Handicap. Seven Furlongs:—Country Flower, (135); Courneur Bleu (150); Gold Clause, (163); Hogmanay, (163); Hohenfels, (149); Wood Nym, (138).

3rd Race.—Kansu Handicap. Five Furlongs. "E" Class:—Copper Idol (155); Emergency Call, (158); Lancashire Tich, (148); Mac's Adventure, (148); Persian Cat, (15).

4th Race.—Christmas Handicap. One Mile:—Courneur Bleu, (135); Fairy Auk, (135); Fairy Ousel, (135); Gold Clause, (135); Hogmanay, (135); Hopefulleg, (135); Meadow Eve, (135); Merry Maker (135); Rotheras Bay (135); Shanghai 4, (160); Shih Yin Grand, (140); Victory Life, (150).

5th Race.—Singkang Handicap. Six Furlongs "D" class:—Cavalcade, (140) Gold Coin, (140); Gold Sovereign, (149); Laughing Cavalier, (145); Royal Consort, (158) Voltaire (140).

6th Race.—Ladies' Dash (Unofficial) Five Furlongs. Post Entries.

In connection with the "Christmas Handicap," the 4th Race on the Programme, a special 1/2 sweep is being conducted. The cost of a through ticket including a chance in the special sweep is \$5 per set, while a book of five tickets in the special sweep is available at \$4.50, both obtainable from the Club's Office, Stock Exchange Building, Ice House Street.

## THE FUSILIERS IN SHANGHAI

## Durhams Defeated At Hockey

The Royal Welch Fusiliers fully justified themselves as being a leading team in the senior hockey league when they overpowered the Durham Light Infantry at the Race Course in a First Division match by four goals to one in one of the best games of the season, states the "North China Daily News."

It was a splendid victory for the Welsh, as the margin of three goals could hardly be expected as the Infantrymen possessed a seemingly better forward line. But the remarkable individual display of Bruton created a mild surprise caused by his scoring of all the four goals.

R.W.F.—Sharpe, Raynor, Davis, Wheeler, Sgt. Sharpe, Lutken, Kanny, Kenagen, Bruton, Capt. Gwydyr-Jones, and Vaughan.

D.L.I.—Brack, Morrissey, Whitehead, Taylor, C. S. M. Browne, Johnson, Lt. Fox Davis, Sgt. Bolan, Bellerby, Ottowell, and Bolan.

## HOME RUGBY

London, Dec. 25.  
The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby Union to-day:

Bridgend 3, Aberavon 9.  
Glasgow Acad. 28, Kelvin Side Acad. 20.  
Llanelli 15, U.A.U. 3.  
Edinburgh Acad. 8, L'on S'tish 18.  
Neath 14, L'on Welsh 10.  
Pontypool 26, Pili Harriers 7.  
Swansea 28, Watsonsians 6.

Reuter.

## Sporting Fixtures

## TO-DAY

Cricket.—Triangular Tournament, Hong Kong C.C. v. Army, 11 a.m.; Kowloon v. Navy, 11 a.m.; Crutchen-gower, Married v. Singles, 11 a.m.; Recreio, First XI v. Second XI; Hong Kong Electric Company Staff match, (Indian R.C.). Second division, Navy v. Kowloon C.C., 11 a.m.

Football.—"Sunday Herald" Charity Cup semi-final, England v. Portugal (Kowloon F.C.), 3.30 p.m.

Golf.—Kowloon Club Christmas Meeting, Stableford Competition. Polo.—Royal Artillery Cup Final (Hong Kong Polo ground), 3.30 p.m.

## TO-MORROW

Golf.—Ladies' L.G.U. Medal Competition (Fanling). Meetings.—Referees' Association (Gloucester Building), 8 p.m.

Rugby.—Seafarths Inter-Company Final (Sookunpo), 2.45 p.m. Shooting.—M.R.A. Overseas practice (Kowloon City ranges), 2 p.m.

## TO-DAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME

Six cricket matches are scheduled for to-day, including a Second Division League encounter. The programme follows:—

Hong Kong Club Ground:—Club Army (Triangular Tournament). Kowloon C.C. Ground:—K.C.C. v. Royal Navy.

Recreio Ground.—The Club's own first and second elevens meet. Crutchen-gower Ground.—Married v. Singles.

Indian R.C. Ground.—Hong Kong Electric Co., Annual Staff fixtures. League Game

The Navy seconds will meet the Kowloon Cricket Club juniors on the Navy ground.

## A. C. BECK

A. C. Beck, the former Club and Colony fast bowler, left the Colony on Saturday night for Manila by the m.v. Scharnhorst after a brief stop here on his way through from Home leave. He played quite a lot of cricket in England.

## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

## Mixed Doubles Finals At C.R.C.

The Final of the Colony Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship, held under the auspices of the Chinese Recreation Club, will be played off on the club's ground at Causeway Bay to-day, starting at 3 p.m., when H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu will meet E. C. Fincher and Miss Rose Perry.

who yesterday beat Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett 6-2, 7-5 in the second semi-finals.

This match was originally reported to have been decided by a walk-over being awarded to Fincher and Miss Perry but was played out on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday morning.

On the conclusion of to-day's final, Mrs. S. W. Tso wife of the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, will present the Colony trophies and distribute the C.R.C. prizes won during the year.

The following are the C.R.C. winners:

Men's Singles Championship: Winner:—Lee Wai-tong, runner-up Tsui Wai-pui (Challenge Cups presented by Yu Sze-wing).

Men's Doubles Championship: Winners:—Yu Tak-cheuk and Wong Shiu-wing; runners-up Tsui Wai-pui and W. C. Hung (Challenge Cups presented by Lo and Lo).

Men's Handicap Singles: Winner:—Leung Bing-chiu; runner-up Lee Yue-wing.

Junior Singles Championship: Winner:—Ma Shiu-leung; runner-up Yu Sui-chum.

Members of the "A" and "B" Division League teams and the Mixed Doubles League, for 1938 season.

## GODOY TO FIGHT IN ARGENTINE

Arturo Godoy, the Chilean heavyweight, has accepted an offer of \$10,000 to fight this winter (date undetermined) in Buenos Aires. His opponent will be the Argentine fighter Alberto Lovell, who has been campaigning this summer on the Pacific Coast of the United States. Godoy recently lost a chance of being considered as an opponent for Farr when he dropped a ten-round decision to Nathan Mann.



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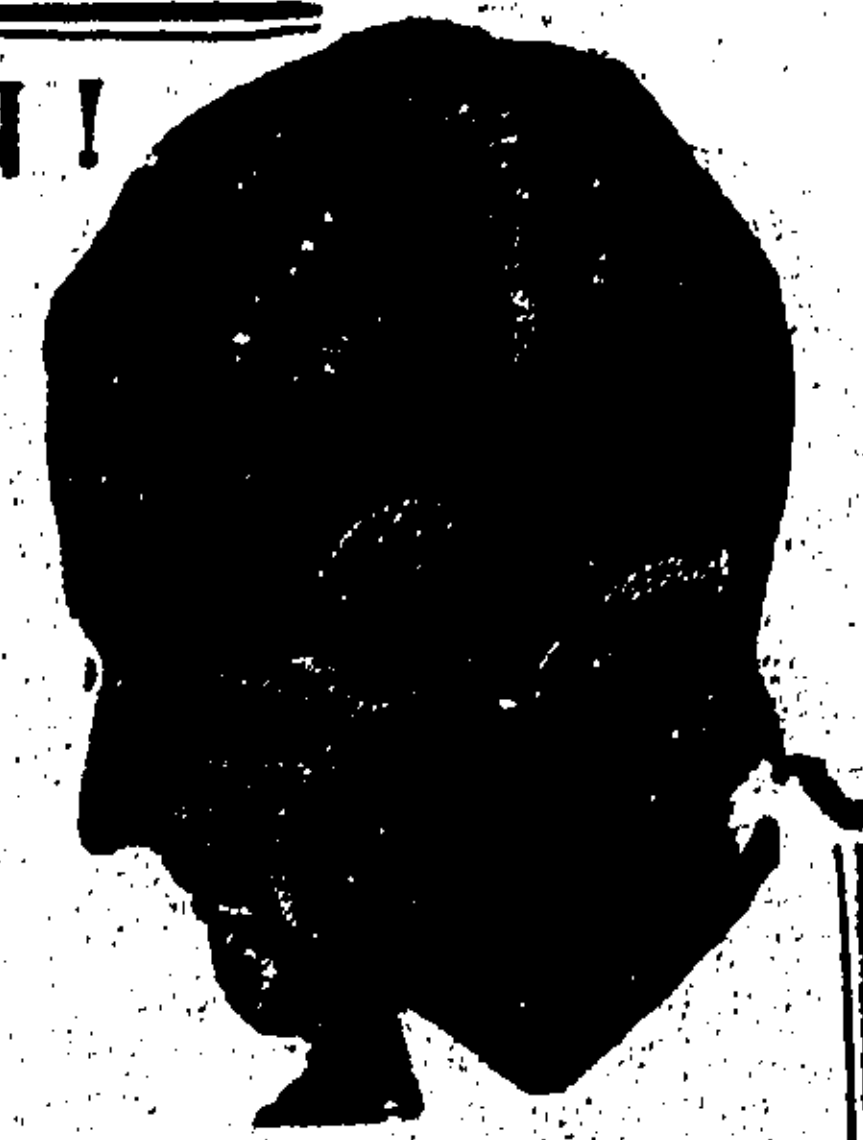
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## NEW SALVAGE VESSEL

(Continued from Page 1)

## AUXILIARY SALVAGE HOLD

The bunkers are arranged at sides of boiler room and are constructed so that they are suitable for the carriage of coal or oil fuel. Forward of the boiler room is situated the crew's space and the space below is utilized as an auxiliary salvage hold in which are stored materials and tools necessary for salvage repairs. Fresh water is carried in the double bottom tanks situated below the engine room and salvage holds. Fuel oil for the Diesel auxiliaries and salvage pumps is carried in a tank immediately aft of the engine room.

The petty officers' rooms are situated in the bridge tween deck space. Quarters for the salvage crew are in the space under the raised quarter deck aft and in the bridge tween decks.

Accommodation for the officers and European members of the salvage party is on an exceptionally elaborate scale for this class of vessel. The saloon house contains a spacious dining saloon with pantry adjoining. Five rooms capable of accommodating nine persons are arranged at sides of saloon. The steel house on the navigating bridge deck contains a large room on the port side for the Captain, and on the starboard side are rooms for the Chief Officer, Wireless Operator and wireless cabin. Bathrooms are provided for Officers and Salvage Engineers.

## SALVAGE PARTY OF 195

The vessel has accommodation for crew and salvage party of 195 consisting of Captain, Chief Officer, Chief Engineer, 2nd Engineer, seven Salvage Engineers, Wireless Operator, fifteen Petty Officers, twenty-two crew and one hundred and forty six salvage crew.

The spacious wheel house and chart room contains many modern navigational devices. The steel screen at fore end has five vertical sliding windows and a Kents' clear view screen; over these windows a steel sun glare shield has been fitted. The cabinet for direction finder apparatus is incorporated in the Chart Table. The wheel house contains echo-sounding apparatus of "Huson" Admiralty type, recording dial "Chernikoff" patent log, a Dobbie-McInnes shaft revolution and direction indicator; tow rope pull indicator; barometer and other usual nautical instruments. On the sun deck over wheel house there is a raised platform on which is placed a "Huson" dead beat standard compass, direction finder pedestal, and an automatic feed arc lamp searchlight.

## HEAVY FENDER

A heavy fender of semi-circular section composed of wood completely encased in steel is fitted at main deck level and a heavy hardwood fender and forecastle deck level. Round the stern and at the bow large rope fenders are provided.

The life-saving appliances which comply with the Hong Kong Go-

vernment Marine Surveyor's requirements consist of a 28'0" motor lifeboat fitted with a motor of 14 B.H.P., a double-ended 28'0" lifeboat. Five buoyancy apparatus each for 22 persons and a sufficient number of life-belts for all on board. There is also installed a flat bottomed scow of robust construction to be used for transporting pumps and other heavy gear.

The boat davits which are of the "Oswald" Patent gravity type provide ample head room below the boats and give good deck space. A large refrigerated store room is provided in bridge space and a frigidaire is fitted in the pantry.

A powerful steam combined windlass and capstan is situated on the forecastle for operating stockless anchors and cables. The anchors are snugly housed in pockets within the line of shell plating.

Two strong capstans are provided on main deck abreast engine casing for working derricks and for warping purposes.

The steam steering gear is placed directly on rudder stock fitted with hydraulic brake gear and controlled from bridge by telemotor.

A Merryweather fire monitor is fitted on raised platform on boat deck.

## TAI KOO DESIGN

Twin triple expansion engines of Tarkoo design are fitted, capable of developing a total of 1,800 I.H.P. Each L.P. cylinder has separate steam and exhaust piston valves for economy and smoothness of working.

Two coal burning multitubular return tube boilers fitted with hot air forced draught, and designed for a working pressure of 200 lbs. per square inch, provide steam for the main engines, auxiliaries, and salvage hose connections. During normal harbour duties only one boiler is necessary, the other boiler, always maintained at maximum pressure and practically acting as a steam reservoir, being available, day and night, for emergency calls.

The main circulating pumps are designed to function as salvage pumps and are capable of dealing with 600 tons per hour against a suction head of 40 ft. through a multiple suction valve chest on the main deck, which is fitted with four 6" bore hose connections.

## CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS

In addition to the main circulating pumps, two auxiliary centrifugal pumps are provided for circulating the condenser when the main pumps are on salvage duty; and to keep the engine "lively" during the constant manoeuvring of towing duties, an auxiliary air pump is provided for maintaining the vacuum in the condenser.

Two 60 kilowatt dynamos, one being driven by a steam reciprocating engine, the other by a 50 B.H.P. twin cylinder "Tarkoo-Sulzer" two-stroke Diesel engine, supply power for the portable electric submersible pumps.

For fire purposes, pumps are fitted capable of discharging 200 tons per hour against a head of 240 feet through a Merryweather swivelling monitor. The two main circulating pumps, when connected in-series, are also capable of discharging 200 tons per hour against a head of 240 feet for this service through a specially designed multiple deck connection.

Compressed air for blowing compartments on stranded vessels and for pneumatic tools is provided by means of a steam driven, two-cylinder, "Broomwade" compressor.

## INTERESTING FEATURE

An interesting feature is incorporated in the towing hook, which, instead of being fitted with the usual massive spring, is provided with a hydraulic towing cylinder which caters for the tug's maximum pull, and a speed discrepancy of 2 knots. Thus the possibility of breaking tow ropes is reduced to a minimum.

The portable pumping plant consists of six electrically driven Merryweather submersible salvage pumps, each capable of pumping 200 tons per hour against a head of 40 feet, four Diesel driven pumps, each capable of pumping 200 tons per hour, and a large number steam driven pumps and pulsometers, thus providing a wide range of power units for salvage purposes.

Oxy-acetylene plant is installed for steel cutting, both above and below water.

The hull and machinery of the vessel have been built under the survey of the Hong Kong Government Marine Surveyor.

## PEACE AND PACIFICATION

## Germany's Demand For Future

Paris, Dec. 25. The purpose of his journey to Germany and his impressions there are explained by the former French Premier, M. Flandin, in the "Paris Solr."

The purpose of the journey was, he declared, to become acquainted with the German point of view. Germany demanded return of her African Colonies. Lord Halifax had received precise explanations of the German point of view and the French Government had been informed about it in London.

The decision never to return to the League, announced by Germany's leading men, had to be considered as definite.

Regarding the general organisation of peace in Europe Germany was suggesting that a Franco-German Entente would be a much better instrument of peace and pacification than a resuscitation of the League Covenant, which had been a disappointing failure as far as practical application was concerned.

Germany was pointing out that French conception of the status quo was opposed by dynamic conception of historical development. Germany demanded that her vital interests would not be blocked by France. A Franco-German agreement would evidently be only a pact of mutual confidence which could be guaranteed by agreement on armaments.

Whatever might be the outcome of the experiment, whether reconciliation of the various "axes" of feverishly arming Europe be possible or not, it should be borne in mind that quick action must be taken, M. Flandin concluded.—*Transocean News Service.*

## EGYPT'S PROTEST IN ADDIS ABABA

Cairo, Dec. 25. The Egyptian Government is contemplating removal of the Egyptian consulate at Addis Ababa to Djibouti, in French Somaliland, as a visible protest against separation of the Abyssinian Coptic Church from the Coptic Patriarchate in Alexandria.

Election of the Abyssinian priest, Abraham, as Abuna, of Metropolitain, of the autonomous Coptic Church in Abyssinia, which took place under Italian instigation, is regarded in Cairo as an act of hostility towards Egypt.

Ever since the fourth Century the Abuna has been appointed and consecrated by the Alexandrian Patriarch.—*Transocean News Service.*

## SUSPICIOUS LETTERS

Los Angeles, Dec. 25. The United States is showing evidence of tightening up her guard of the entire Pacific coast after the seizure of a sheaf of letters, described as being of a suspicious nature from a Japanese steamer and the capture of a Japanese fishing boat by Customs agents.

The letters were seized as the result of a raid on the liner Tatsu Maru in San Francisco. United States destroyers are actively patrolling southern Californian waters, several fishing boats have been halted and inspected at San Diego.

It is reported that the Mexican Government have ordered gunboats to closely check Japanese fishing boats, following allegations that alien hydrographic experts have been sounding and charting Pacific Coastal waters.—*Reuter.*

## "DRASTIC PUNITIVE ACTION"

Shanghai, Dec. 25. The Japanese army authorities have decided to take "drastic punitive action" against the "Chinese vandals who destroyed Japanese property in Shanghai," declared a spokesman of the Japanese garrison here to-day.

He added that Japan reserves the right to demand indemnification, and is prepared to obtain guarantees that Japanese property is not molested in future.

The spokesman said that nine Japanese cotton mills in Tsingtao were blown up "by order of the Municipal authorities in Tsingtao," and claimed that Japanese property in Tsingtao was being "freely looted by Chinese regulars and mobs."—*Reuter.*

## BOOKS TO BE AIR-CONDITIONED

## British Museum Innovation

Reconstruction of the North West Quadrant of the British Museum, where books are shelved, has just been completed. This is the first step of a programme of reconstruction and rearrangement.

In place of the old "Iron Library," dating from 1854-57, there is a new steel library with fire-resisting walls and floors. It contains six instead of three floors, and will hold six times as many books as before.

Each of the other quadrants will be similarly reconstructed. Work will begin on the North-Eastern Quadrant early in the New Year.

An innovation is an air conditioning plant, which keeps the atmosphere in the new stacks at a temperature that does not vary more than two degrees. This is primarily to preserve the books, but eventually it will be extended to the Reading Room.

## NEW BOOK CONVEYORS

Even more important from the readers' point of view is the new system of book conveyors, designed to make the fetching and delivery of books easier and quicker.

The plant for carrying books consists of two elevators, each serving six floors and connected in the sub-basement by a two-way belt conveyor. On this travel standard wooden boxes containing the books.

The new apparatus, which is called the "Paternoster" system, because it counts boxes as paternosters are told, on a rosary, was borrowed from Germany. Two officials of the Reading Room paid a visit to the Prussian State Library, and adapted the type of conveyor in use there to the needs of the British Museum.

When the reconstruction is completed there will be eight elevators. Other improvements include a new system of lighting, making it easy to see books on the bottom shelves, improved staff accommodation, and a more highly developed system of pneumatic tubes at the central desk for despatching readers' slips for books.

The officials of the Reading Room receive an average of 2,000 applications for books a day, and handle an average of 3,400 volumes.

The reconstruction of the North-West Quadrant has taken three years. It is hoped that when the other three quadrants are completed, in eight or 10 years, it will take a minimum of 15 minutes to obtain books from the farthest part of the building.

At present the average time is three-quarters of an hour, with 15 minutes as the minimum, and 14 hours as the maximum.

## DEATH OF JEAN LADY INCHCAPE

The death has occurred at Glenapp Castle, Ballahtrae, Scotland, of Jean Countess of Inchcape.

A daughter of James Shanks, of Arbroath, she married the late Earl of Inchcape 54 years ago. He was then James Lyle Mackay, and by his outstanding ability he became the great shipowner who, at the time of his death in 1932, was chairman of the P. and O. and the British India Steam Navigation Companies.

Lord and Lady Inchcape had known one another from childhood, and when in the later years of her life she suffered from ill-health he showed wonderful devotion.

Their third daughter, the Hon. Elsie Mackay, attempted to fly the Atlantic in 1933, but was lost. In his solicitude for Lady Inchcape he kept the news from her for five days, in an endeavour to prevent a setback to her health.

On his death he left her, with other bequests, an annuity of £100,000.

Lady Inchcape leaves one son and four daughters—the Earl of Inchcape, Lady Craigmyle, Lady Janet Bailey, and Lady Elsie Millington-Drake.

## MARYSE HILSZ

Salon, Dec. 25. Mlle. Maryse Hilsz, the French aviatrix, took off at 5.04 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday on her return journey to Paris, after breaking the Paris-Salon record.

She plans to fly to France in three hops, landing at Jodhpur, Damascus and Paris, and spending Christmas Day in the air.—*Reuter.*

## JACK HYLTON AND HIS RECORDS

## Court Order Refused

Mr. Justice Crossman, in the Chancery Division, refused an application made on behalf of Mr. Jack Hylton, the dance-band leader, in the action brought by him against the Gramophone Company Ltd. The case concerned royalties on records of performances made by his band under two agreements with the company, dated in 1927 and 1931.

Mr. Hylton asked that the company should be ordered to file an affidavit fully stating what documents were in their possession relating to royalties due on records returned. He wished to see the documents on which the accounts he had received were based.

Mr. H. G. Robertson, for the company, said that for nine years the half-yearly accounts had been rendered and accepted. Mr. Hylton was not entitled to reopen the account.

It would take months to prepare the affidavit claimed, and involve a search through millions of entries in the books. The statements already sent to Mr. Hylton showed sales in 18 territories all over the world.

Mr. Justice Crossman said the discovery asked for ought to be deferred until the main issue, whether Mr. Hylton was entitled to reopen the account, had been determined. His lordship gave leave to appeal.

## PEOPLE'S COUNCIL OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC

Peking, Dec. 25. Preparations for establishment of a new "People's Council of the Chinese Republic" were completed on Thursday, and the body was constituted yesterday.

The Council will not be a political body, and its task will be to "enlighten" the population regarding measures of the "provisional government."—*Transocean News Service.*

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|--------------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Buyers                   | Sellers | Close | Monday  | Buyers                     | Sellers | Close | Monday  |
| FRIDAY, DEC. 24.         |         |       |         |                            |         |       |         |
| Banks                    |         |       |         |                            |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       | \$1,450 | H.K. Banks                 |         |       | \$1,445 |
|                          |         |       | 286     | London                     |         |       | 2-6     |
|                          |         |       | 212 1/2 | Chartered Bank             |         |       | 212 1/2 |
|                          |         |       | 232 1/2 | Merchants Bank             |         |       | 232 1/2 |
|                          |         |       | 215     | Do.                        |         |       | 215     |
|                          |         |       | 180     | Bank of East Asia          |         |       | 180     |
|                          |         |       |         | N. O. & S. Bank            |         |       | 12      |
|                          |         |       |         | Insurance                  |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       | 127 1/2 | Canton Insurance           |         |       | 127 1/2 |
|                          |         |       |         | Union Insurance            |         |       | 125 1/2 |
|                          |         |       | 114     | Underwriters               |         |       | 114     |
|                          |         |       | 124 1/2 | H.K. Fire                  |         |       | 124 1/2 |
|                          |         |       |         | International Assn. S.     |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Shipping                   |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       | 348 1/2 | Overseas                   |         |       | 348 1/2 |
|                          |         |       | 15.30   | Steamships                 |         |       | 15.30   |
|                          |         |       |         | Indo-China (def.)          |         |       | 151     |
|                          |         |       | 143     | Do.                        |         |       | 143     |
|                          |         |       | 93/3d   | Shells                     |         |       | 93/3d   |
|                          |         |       |         | Waterworks                 |         |       | 93.30   |
|                          |         |       |         | Mining                     |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       | 17 1/2  | Kailans                    |         |       | 17 1/2  |
|                          |         |       | 7 1/2   | Hauba                      |         |       | 7 1/2   |
|                          |         |       | 15      | Yunnan (H.K. F.M.)         |         |       | 15      |
|                          |         |       |         | Hongkong Mines             |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Docks, Wharves,            |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Godowns, etc.              |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       | 11 1/2  | H.K. & K. Wharves          |         |       | 11 1/2  |
|                          |         |       | 22      | Providence (old)           |         |       | 22      |
|                          |         |       | 25 cts. | Do. (new)                  |         |       | 25 cts. |
|                          |         |       | 12 1/2  | H.K. & W. Docks            |         |       | 12 1/2  |
|                          |         |       |         | Shanghai Docks             |         |       | 12 1/2  |
|                          |         |       |         | New Engineering S.         |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Lands, Hotels, and         |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Public Works               |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       | 35      | H.K. Hotels                |         |       | 35      |
|                          |         |       | 131     | H.K. Lands                 |         |       | 131     |
|                          |         |       | 1100    | Do. 4 1/2 Deventures       |         |       | 1100    |
|                          |         |       |         | Metropolitan Lands         |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | H.K. Properties            |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | China Do.                  |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Do. Deventures             |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Hampshire                  |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | China Estates              |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Cotton Mills               |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       | 112 1/2 | Ewo                        |         |       | 112 1/2 |
|                          |         |       | 180     | Shau Cotton (old)          |         |       | 180     |
|                          |         |       |         | Do. (new)                  |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Zong Sing                  |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Wing On Textiles (S.)      |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Ewo Cotton Rts. S.         |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Public Utilities           |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       | 112.60  | Gasworks                   |         |       | 112.60  |
|                          |         |       | 17 1/2  | Peak Trams (old)           |         |       | 17 1/2  |
|                          |         |       | 3 1/2   | Do. (new)                  |         |       | 3 1/2   |
|                          |         |       | 50      | Star Ferries               |         |       | 50      |
|                          |         |       | 24 1/2  | Yammat Ferries             |         |       | 24 1/2  |
|                          |         |       | 29.40   | China Lights (old)         |         |       | 29.40   |
|                          |         |       |         | Do. (new)                  |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Do. Hts                    |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | H.K. Electric              |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Do. do                     |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Sandakan Lights            |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Telephones (old)           |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Do. (new)                  |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | China Buses                |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Tramways                   |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Do. (pref.)                |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Industrial                 |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Canton Ice                 |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Concrete                   |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Do.                        |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Miscellaneous              |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Dairy Farms                |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Ch. Kwan Yee               |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Constructions (old)        |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Do. (new)                  |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Lane Crawford              |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Nanyang Tobacco            |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Singapore                  |         |       |         |
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|                          |         |       |         | Shau                       |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Vibro Piping               |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Marmans (H.K.)             |         |       |         |
|                          |         |       |         | Wm. Powells                |         |       |         |

\*Sales to Shanghai

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(British Wireless Service)

|                  | Dec. 21         | Dec. 22         |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Paris            | 147-9/64        | 147-11/64       |
| Geneva           | 21.60 1/2       | 21.60 1/2       |
| Berlin           | 12.40 1/2       | 12.40 1/2       |
| Athens           |                 |                 |
| Milan            | 95              | 95              |
| Copenhagen       |                 |                 |
| Stockholm        |                 |                 |
| Shanghai         |                 |                 |
| New York         | 5.00 1/2        | 4.99-13/16      |
| Amsterdam        | 8.99            | 8.98 1/2        |
| Vienna           |                 |                 |
| Prague           |                 |                 |
| Madrid           |                 |                 |
| Lisbon           |                 |                 |
| Hong Kong        |                 |                 |
| Bombay           |                 |                 |
| Montreal         | 4.99-27/32      | 5.00 1/2        |
| Brussels         | 29.42           | 29.43 1/2       |
| Yokohama         |                 |                 |
| Belgrade         |                 |                 |
| Monte Video      | 26              | 26              |
| Rio              |                 |                 |
| Bucharest        |                 |                 |
| Silver (Forward) | 18 1/2          | 18-11/16        |
| Silver (Spot)    | 18-9/16         | 18 1/2          |
| War Loan         | 3 1/2 101-11/16 | 3 1/2 101-11/16 |

## Closing Quotations

December 24, 1937.

|                       |         |                        |          |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|----------|
| On London:            |         | On New York:           |          |
| Telegraphic Transfer  | 1 1/2   | Bank Bills, on demand  | 20 15/16 |
| Bank Bills, on demand |         | Credit, 60 days' sight | 31 7/16  |
| Credit, four months'  |         | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
| sight                 | 1 1/2   | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
| On Shanghai:          |         | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
| On demand             | 10 1/2  | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
| On Hong Kong:         |         | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
| On demand             | 5 1/2   | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
| On Japan:             |         | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
| On demand             | 100 1/2 | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
| On India:             |         | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
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| On Manila:            |         | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
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| On Batavia:           |         | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
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| On Cebu:              |         | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
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| On Iloilo:            |         | On demand              | 55 1/2   |
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## FOOT &amp; MOUTH INFECTION

## Believed Brought By Birds

Mr. Morrison, Minister of Agriculture, stated in the House of Commons recently that it was supposed that foot-and-mouth infection was imported into this country by migrant birds.

Replying to Major Dower (C. Penrith and Cockermouth), Mr. Morrison said: "Since Oct. 16, 43 cases of foot-and-mouth disease have occurred in the eastern and south-eastern counties of England from Lincolnshire in the north to East Sussex in the south."

"The occurrence of the disease at so many widely separated centres with no traceable evidence connecting them and the fact that the type of disease appears to be very virulent in character has created a situation which called for additional precautionary measures."

## STANDSTILL ORDER

"A standstill order has therefore been imposed over certain eastern and south-eastern counties of England to minimise the danger of the westward spread of disease from the infected areas."

"Only two further outbreaks—and those in close proximity to existing cases—have been confirmed during the past 36 hours. While it is too early yet to form any definite conclusion as to whether the spread of the disease has been arrested, it is earnestly hoped that with the continued operation of the farming community and local authorities that result may be achieved."

"The House will be aware that during the past three months the disease has spread with great rapidity on the Continent. It is reported that during the six weeks ended Oct. 15 there were 38,758 new outbreaks in France and 1,129 in Germany. In Belgium there were 4,000 outbreaks in September, and in Holland the number of communes affected on Oct. 31 was 782."

It was the intention of the Government to proceed with the present policy.

Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Morrison said that an order was made in 1925 which prohibited the bringing of animals into contact with imported straw or packing materials. He had no reason to believe that any of the present infection was due to disobedience of that order.

## A FIELD INFECTION

Sir Francis Fremantle (C. St. Albans) asked if the widespread nature of the infection did not suggest the possibility of it being spread by birds.

Mr. Morrison: The nature of this infection is undoubtedly a field one, and it is supposed that it is imported into this country by migrant birds.

Rear-Adm. Beamish (C. Lewes) asked if the possibility had been considered of the transportation of the disease being brought about by mud brought into the country on wheels of motor-cars.

Mr. Morrison replied that that possibility had not been lost sight of, but there was no evidence that it was being carried by motor-cars or human feet.

## BILLS TO FINANCE CHINA WAR

Tokyo, Dec. 25. The seventy-third session of the Imperial Diet was opened at noon yesterday with the usual ceremonies.

Numerous bills await parliamentary approval, mainly in connection with financing of the China war and mobilisation of Japanese national economy.

These bills provide, inter alia, for increase in taxation, floating of state loans, state control of the electrical industry and creation of an industrial undertaking destined to develop heavy industry in Manchukuo.

It is anticipated that all these measures, with the possible exception of the one relating to control of the electrical industry, will be pushed through without opposition.

Transocean News Service.

## BRAZILIAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE DECREE

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 25. President Vargas is signing the new Brazilian foreign exchange decree this afternoon which is understood to be freeing all exchange transactions from any kind of control.

Coffee export bills are already freed of control.

Reuter.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuter's Service)

## QUOTATIONS

New York, December 24.

|                            | High   | Low    | Close    | Change  |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| New York/London Cross-rate | 8.38   | 8.39   | 8.39 1/2 | 1/8 up  |
| New York Cotton—Mar.       | 13.30  | 13.15  | 13.15    | 1/4 off |
| New York Rubber—Mar.       | 91 1/2 | 90 1/2 | 90 1/2   | 1/8 off |
| Chicago Wheat—May          | 11 1/2 | 11 1/2 | 11 1/2   | 1/4 up  |
| Chicago Corn—May           | 11 1/2 | 11 1/2 | 11 1/2   | 1/4 up  |
| Winnipeg Wheat—May         | 11 1/2 | 11 1/2 | 11 1/2   | 1/4 up  |
| Silver—Official            | 44 1/2 | 44 1/2 | 44 1/2   | unch.   |

|              | High   | Low    | Close  | Change  |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1937         |        |        |        |         |
| 1940 113.84  | 123.55 | 123.55 | 123.55 | 1/2 off |
| 64.46 29.15  | 32.25  | 32.25  | 32.25  | 1/2 off |
| 37.34 19.44  | 21.42  | 21.42  | 21.42  | 1/2 off |
| 105.89 91.54 | 83.73  | 83.73  | 83.73  | 1/2 off |
| 82.44 52.03  | 64.70  | 64.70  | 64.70  | 1/2 off |

Business Done:—1,050,000 shares.

| Stock                  | Dec. 22 | 23      | Stocks                 | Dec. 22 | 23      |
|------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Adams Express          | 91      | 91      | Great Northern Ry.     | 25 1/2  | 25      |
| Allis Chalmers         | 51 1/2  | 51 1/2  | Great Western Sugar    | 27 1/2  | 27      |
| Amer. Can              | 74 1/2  | 73 1/2  | Holly Sugar Corp.      | —       | —       |
| Amer. Car & Foundry    | —       | —       | Humble Oil             | 68      | 67 1/2  |
| Amer. Cyanamid         | 22 1/2  | 22 1/2  | Int. Nickel            | 46 1/2  | 46 1/2  |
| Amer. & For. Power     | 4       | 4       | Int. Tel. & Tel.       | 7 1/2   | 7 1/2   |
| Amer. & For. 37 pf.    | 21 1/2  | 21      | Int. Dept. Stores      | 103     | 103     |
| Amer. Locomotive       | 22      | 22 1/2  | Kennecott Copper       | 38 1/2  | 37 1/2  |
| Amer. Metals           | 34      | 32 1/2  | Lambert Corp.          | 11      | 11      |
| Amer. Radiator         | 13 1/2  | 13      | Loew's Inc.            | 49      | 48 1/2  |
| Amer. Rolling Mill     | 19 1/2  | 19      | Lorillard              | 16 1/2  | 16 1/2  |
| Amer. Smelting         | 50 1/2  | 50      | McIntyre Porcelain     | —       | —       |
| Amer. Steel Fdries.    | 25 1/2  | 24 1/2  | McKesson & Robbins     | 31 1/2  | 31 1/2  |
| Amer. Sugar            | 148     | 148     | Montanto Chemical      | 88 1/2  | 88 1/2  |
| Amer. Tel. & Tel.      | 62 1/2  | 62      | Montgomery Ward        | 35 1/2  | 35      |
| Amer. Tobacco "B"      | 12 1/2  | 12 1/2  | Murray Corp.           | —       | —       |
| Amer. Waterworks       | 32 1/2  | 32 1/2  | Nat. Cash Register     | 16 1/2  | 16 1/2  |
| Anaconda Copper        | 40      | 39 1/2  | Nat. Dairy Products    | 13 1/2  | 14      |
| Atcholson, T. & S. Fe. | —       | —       | Nat. Distillers        | 21 1/2  | 21 1/2  |
| Atlantic Refining      | 8 1/2   | 8       | Nat. Power & Light     | 21 1/2  | 21 1/2  |
| Atlas Corp.            | 34      | 34      | New York Central       | 19      | 18 1/2  |
| Auburn Motors          | —       | —       | Niagara Hudson P.      | 8 1/2   | 8 1/2   |
| Baldwin Locomotive     | 11 1/2  | 11 1/2  | Corp.                  | 8 1/2   | 8 1/2   |
| \$7 cum. pf.           | 11 1/2  | 11 1/2  | North American         | 11 1/2  | 11 1/2  |
| Baltimore & Ohio       | 14      | 13 1/2  | Northern Pacific       | 11 1/2  | 11 1/2  |
| Barnsdall Oil          | —       | —       | Pacific Gas & Elec.    | 26 1/2  | 27 1/2  |
| Benix Aviation         | 62      | 61 1/2  | Pacific Lighting       | 37 1/2  | 37 1/2  |
| Bethlehem Steel        | 31 1/2  | 31 1/2  | Packard Motors         | 4 1/2   | 4 1/2   |
| Boeing Airplane        | 17      | 17      | Paramount              | 10 1/2  | 9 1/2   |
| Borden Co.             | 21 1/2  | 20 1/2  | Pennsylvania R.R.      | 22 1/2  | 22 1/2  |
| Briggs M'facturing     | —       | —       | Phelps Dodge           | —       | —       |
| Brooklyn-Manhattan     | 8 1/2   | 8       | Phillips Petroleum     | 39 1/2  | 39 1/2  |
| Trans.                 | —       | —       | Public Service of N.J. | 32 1/2  | 33      |
| Brooklyn-Manhattan     | 26 1/2  | 25      | Pullman Inc.           | 12      | 12      |
| \$8 cum. pf.           | 91 1/2  | 90 1/2  | Pure Oil               | 6 1/2   | 6 1/2   |
| Case, J.I.             | 7 1/2   | 7 1/2   | Radio Corp. of Am.     | 18 1/2  | 18 1/2  |
| Canadian Pacific       | 7 1/2   | 7 1/2   | Republic Steel         | 14 1/2  | 14 1/2  |
| Celanese Corp. of      | 15 1/2  | 15 1/2  | Reynolds Tobac. "B"    | 44 1/2  | 44 1/2  |
| America                | 37 1/2  | 36 1/2  | St. Joseph Lead Co.    | 25 1/2  | 24 1/2  |
| Cerro de Pasco         | 49 1/2  | 49 1/2  | Schenley               | 75      | 73 1/2  |
| Certain-Teed P'ducts   | 49 1/2  | 49 1/2  | Schenley 5 1/2 pf.     | 63 1/2  | 62 1/2  |
| Chesapeake Corp.       | 37 1/2  | 36      | Sears Roebuck          | 17 1/2  | 17 1/2  |
| Chesapeake & Ohio      | 54 1/2  | 53 1/2  | Shell Union Oil        | 15 1/2  | 15 1/2  |
| Chrysler Corp.         | 82      | 81      | Socoxy-Vacuum          | 21 1/2  | 21 1/2  |
| Columbia Gas & El.     | 73 1/2  | 73      | Southern Cal Edison    | 21 1/2  | 21 1/2  |
| Columbia 6% "A" pf.    | 34 1/2  | 34      | Southern Pacific       | 13 1/2  | 13 1/2  |
| Commerce Credit        | 7 1/2   | 7 1/2   | Southern Ry. 5% pf.    | 13 1/2  | 13 1/2  |
| Commercial Solvents    | 43      | 43      | Stand. Brands          | 8       | 7 1/2   |
| Commonwealth & S.      | 43      | 43 1/2  | Stand. Gas & Elec.     | 44      | 44      |
| Commonwealth \$8       | 24 1/2  | 23 1/2  | Stand. Gas & Elec.     | 26      | 25 1/2  |
| cum. pf.               | 9       | 9       | \$7 pf.                | 49 1/2  | 46      |
| Consolidated Edison    | 31      | 30 1/2  | Standard Oil of N.J.   | 5       | 5       |
| Consolidated Oil       | 61 1/2  | 61      | Sterling Products      | 24 1/2  | 23 1/2  |
| Continental Oil        | 4       | 3 1/2   | Swift International    | 17 1/2  | 17 1/2  |
| Corn. Products         | 15 1/2  | 15 1/2  | Technicolor            | 28      | 28      |
| Curtiss Wright (C.)    | 16 1/2  | 16      | Texas Gulf Sulphur     | 15 1/2  | 15 1/2  |
| Curtiss Wright "A"     | —       | —       | Tidewater Assoc. Oil   | —       | —       |
| Delaware & Hudson      | 7 1/2   | 7 1/2   | Timken-Detroit Axle    | 11      | 11      |
| Del. Lackawanna &      | 21      | 21 1/2  | Transamerica           | 21      | 21 1/2  |
| Western                | —       | —       | 27th Cent. Fox Films   | —       | —       |
| Distillers Corp. Sea-  | 142     | 141     | 20th Cent. Fox Films   | 27      | 26 1/2  |
| grams                  | 398     | 397     | Un. Carbide & Car-     | —       | —       |
| Douglas Aircraft       | 118 1/2 | 117 1/2 | bon                    | 77 1/2  | 75 1/2  |
| Du Pont                | 7 1/2   | 8 1/2   | Un. Pacific            | 86 1/2  | 87 1/2  |
| Electric Boat          | 10 1/2  | 10      | United Aircraft        | 25 1/2  | 26      |
| Elec. Bond & Share     | 54      | 53 1/2  | Un. Airline Trans-     | 7 1/2   | 7       |
| \$5 pf.                | 59 1/2  | 59 1/2  | port                   | 3 1/2   | 3       |
| Elec. Bond & Share     | 13 1/2  | 13      | United Corp.           | 32 1/2  | 32 1/2  |
| \$6 pf.                | 44      | 43      | United Corp. \$3       | 10 1/2  | 10 1/2  |
| Elec. Power & Light    | —       | —       | cum. pf.               | 34      | 3       |
| Elec. Power & Light    | —       | —       | Un. Gas Improv'm't     | —       | —       |
| \$7 pf.                | 17      | 16 1/2  | Un. Light & power      | —       | —       |
| Firestone Tire & R.    | 24      | 24 1/2  | "A"                    | 20 1/2  | 21 1/2  |
| Flintkote              | 44      | 44 1/2  | U.S. Industrial Alco-  | 26 1/2  | 25 1/2  |
| Gen. Asphalt           | 32 1/2  | 31 1/2  | hol                    | 59 1/2  | 57 1/2  |
| Gen. Cigar             | 32 1/2  | 32 1/2  | U.S. Rubber            | 16 1/2  | 16 1/2  |
| Gen. Electric          | 22 1/2  | 22 1/2  | U.S. Rubber \$3 pf.    | 64      | 64      |
| Gen. Foods             | 22 1/2  | 22 1/2  | U.S. Steel             | 108 1/2 | 108 1/2 |
| Gen. Motors            | —       | —       | Vanadium               | —       | —       |
| Gen. Railway Signal    | —       | —       | Warner Bros Pict.      | —       | —       |
| Gillette Safety Razor  | 22      | 22 1/2  | Westinghouse Elec.     | —       | —       |
| GHDDen                 | 16      | 15 1/2  | Youngstown Sheet       | —       | —       |
| Gold Dust              | 52      | 51 1/2  | & Tube                 | 42 1/2  | 42 1/2  |
| Goodrich (B.F.)        | 18 1/2  | 19      | Chase National Bk.     | 20 1/2  | 20 1/2  |
| Goodrich \$5 pf.       | —       | —       | National City Bank     | 26 1/2  | 26 1/2  |
| Goodyear               | —       | —       | Call Money             | 1%      | 1%      |



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## STRONG ECONOMIC PRESSURE URGED

A resolution calling upon the Government to put economic pressure on Japan was passed at a meeting of the Manchester Council of Labour in the Memorial Hall, Manchester. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Ellis Smith, M.P. Mr. F. W. Harrison, president of the Manchester and Salford Trades Council was in the chair.

The resolution records "profound abhorrence aroused by the barbaric slaughter of non-combatants with which Japan has sought to destroy the moral of the Chinese people." It notes "the acts of banditry which have marked international affairs during the past five years and the humiliating and useless tactics indulged in by the Government... as alternatives to the encouragement, clear advocacy and practice of collective action through the League by those Powers anxious to preserve peace."

## ACTION UNDER THE COVENANT

It continued: "This conference demands that the Government shall at once initiate steps to bring the fullest possible economic pressure to bear on Japan. Having in mind that the British Empire and the United States of America are jointly responsible for supplying Japan with 60 per cent of her raw materials and buy from Japan 50 per cent of her exports, this conference calls for immediate action. In accordance with the Covenant of the League of Nations, to institute such practical measures as will prevent the continuance of Japan's criminal acts in China, re-establish the prestige of international law, and prevent the world conflict which would result from the consistent success of aggression."

A second resolution passed by the conference welcomed the

action of those Manchester co-operative societies who have displayed notices stating they would sell no Japanese goods, and urged the widest development of this action.

Mr. Smith said that employers had in speech after speech pointed out the menace of Japanese competition when this country was considering improved conditions of labour and improved wages, but the same people now were not saying one word in regard to Japanese aggression. The National Government was the most serious menace to peace in Europe at the present time, and it was their business to see that they had a Government which would go to Geneva with a policy which would save peace. In Japan the conditions and wages of workers in the light industries were deplorable, while those of workers in heavy industries were comparatively good. There was only one way to deal with the menace of Japanese light industry, and that was by prohibiting Japanese imports in Great Britain and in any other country which would act with her.

## A POLICY FOR GENEVA

"The people of this country," he said, "cannot too early make up their minds that we are going to create such a public opinion in this country that no matter what the Government in power, the time has arrived when the Prime Minister should go to Geneva and say that we admit we have made mistakes in the past, but owing to the public opinion in our country we have now to face the world and bring about a peace policy and a basis of economic co-operation. There is still time to do it if only Great Britain will rouse itself as it has done in the past." "Manchester Guardian."

ARMY COUNCIL  
CHANGESMINISTER ON HIS  
POLICY

## Commons Questions

Mr. Hore-Bellisha gave the House of Commons on Dec. 7 a considered statement of the future policy which is to govern Army appointments and the exercise of their powers by those appointed. With regard to the changes on the Army Council, which will have taken effect by the New Year, he said that in making any further appointments the governing considerations would be merit, character, and ability, and fitness to hold the post in question in conditions of active service. Considerations of youth, age, or mere seniority would not be regarded, says the "Times."

Officers holding the higher commands outside the War Office, and likely to lead troops in the field, would be associated with the framing and direction of policy. The two results would be that such officers would be given the maximum of responsibility and the General Staff the minimum of detailed administration. The statement concluded with a warm expression of the Government's appreciation of the services and of the public spirit of those senior officers who had resigned.

Mr. Greenwood did not quarrel with the statement, but seemed to think that the announcement of the changes should first have been made in the House.

Mr. Hore-Bellisha firmly dissented. The announcement of the changes had been made in the only proper and constitutional manner. In so far as changes of policy were concerned, he had duly announced them to the House. In reply to Mr. Shinnell, who muddled up the Army Council with the General Staff, he added that it was the task of the General Staff to plan, and not to become overlaid with details of administration.

## A PROTEST

There followed one of those moments which the House particularly dislikes, when a member suffering from a sincere sense of grievance expresses himself contrary to the sense of the House. Speaking with evident bitterness, Major-General Sir Alfred Knox suggested that Sir Cyril Deverell and Sir Harry Knox had been "in effect dismissed at a few hours' notice," and that their 40 years' experience was more valuable than the six months' acquaintance of the Minister with the War Office.

Mr. Hore-Bellisha replied calmly that they had retired to facilitate the promotion of younger officers. Pressed again, he referred his questioner to the public statement made, and authorized by the officers concerned, and added that if they wished to make any change in the statement it was a matter for them and not for him.

No further answer was given to a request for the publication of the correspondence with these two officers, but there were cheers for Mr. Sandys's assertion that the new policy had been warmly welcomed by the entire country.

German Prince To Work  
In London Bank

London Dec. 25.

The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that Prince Frederick of Prussia, youngest grandson of the ex-Kaiser and a godson of the late King George V, has been granted permission to take up a position in a London bank.

Prince Frederick, who is anxious to gain practical experience of banking, will receive no salary. The Home Secretary added that the permission extended to Prince Frederick was not an exception to a rule, and that similar permission had often been granted to young foreigners.

nocturnal activity, will produce 150 kittens in its life, and two-thirds of them will be females. If they did their duty in the same ratio, it would mean that from one female you could get 15,000 direct descendants. (Laughter.)

"If that process were allowed to go on unchecked cats would multiply, would they not, until the position would be impossible?" he asked.

"Possibly," was the reply.

DEATH OF OO-OO  
THE CATMalicious Killing  
Allegation

Many well-dressed women were interested spectators at Marylebone police-court recently, when two officials of the Dumb Friends' League appeared on summonses concerning the death of a pet cat named "Oo-oo."

Miss Elsie Doris Cook, superintendent of the League, and Mrs. May Lucy Munday, official collector of the Animal Shelter, Harrow-road, Paddington, were summoned by Miss Adeline Bourne, of Blomfield-road, Maida Vale.

It was alleged that the cat had been stolen, and "received," a poisonous substance willfully administered to it, and that it had been maliciously killed.

Miss Cook was not accused of stealing the cat. Mr. Derek Curtis Bennett, prosecuting, said the allegation was that the cat, a fit animal, was stolen without any effort to trace the owner. One of the rules of the shelter was that every animal received must be kept for seven days before being destroyed.

## "A POOR STRAY"

The caretaker at the shelter, he stated, would say that on Oct. 15 Mrs. Munday brought in the cat, which she said she had found in Blomfield-road, five doors from its home. She said, "Look what I have brought back, a poor stray with a bad eye. I think he has an abscess." She refused to go back and search for the owner, and said it ought to be put to sleep. The caretaker could not see anything to warrant its death. Later Miss Cook arrived and went with Mrs. Munday to the stray cats' room and brought the cat out. It was put in the lethal chamber and chloroform was administered.

Miss Bourne, giving evidence, referred to the cat as "my warrior," and said that he was known from one end of the road to the other. She had such an affection for animals, that she had been a vegetarian for 10 years.

Replying to Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., defending, Miss Bourne said that she was the organizer of charity balls and organised one called "The Noah's Ark Ball."

Mr. Roberts: Was a member of the Royal Family advertised as giving her patronage to that ball?

—Yes.

Was the name of Our Dumb Friends' League used in connection with that ball?—Yes.

Did the league point out that

DEBTS OF BIBLE  
LECTURER2,000 Questions Put  
To Him

Questions were put, at the London Bankruptcy Court recently, to a man who stated that he was studying for the Church of England and hoped to be ordained. He had also stated that he was an authority on the interpretation of the Scriptures, and had lectured on theology and Biblical MSS.

The debtor, Mr. Haim Hillel Nathanson, a student of Holmfield-court, Belsize-grove, Hampstead, who failed in January with liabilities of £278 and assets of £235, attended his adjourned public examination.

When it was pointed out that certain literature in his rooms was stated to be of a doubtful and sexual nature, Mr. Nathanson said that the publications were in fact proper subjects for the study of theology.

"My spiritual teachers have never considered them bad," he added.

The Official Receiver, Mr. S. W. Hood, said the case was one where the liabilities had gradually increased. They stood at £1,500.

"Practically the whole of that money has been obtained by this debtor, and spent on himself," said Mr. Hood. "Over 2,000 questions have been asked in this examination, and not one word of regret or remorse has he expressed for his conduct. He has lied consistently."

"I submit this is a bad case of a brazen character."

Mr. Registrar Parton remarked that he was satisfied that on the two previous examinations Mr. Nathanson had lied and endeavoured to deceive the court.

The examination was adjourned indefinitely.

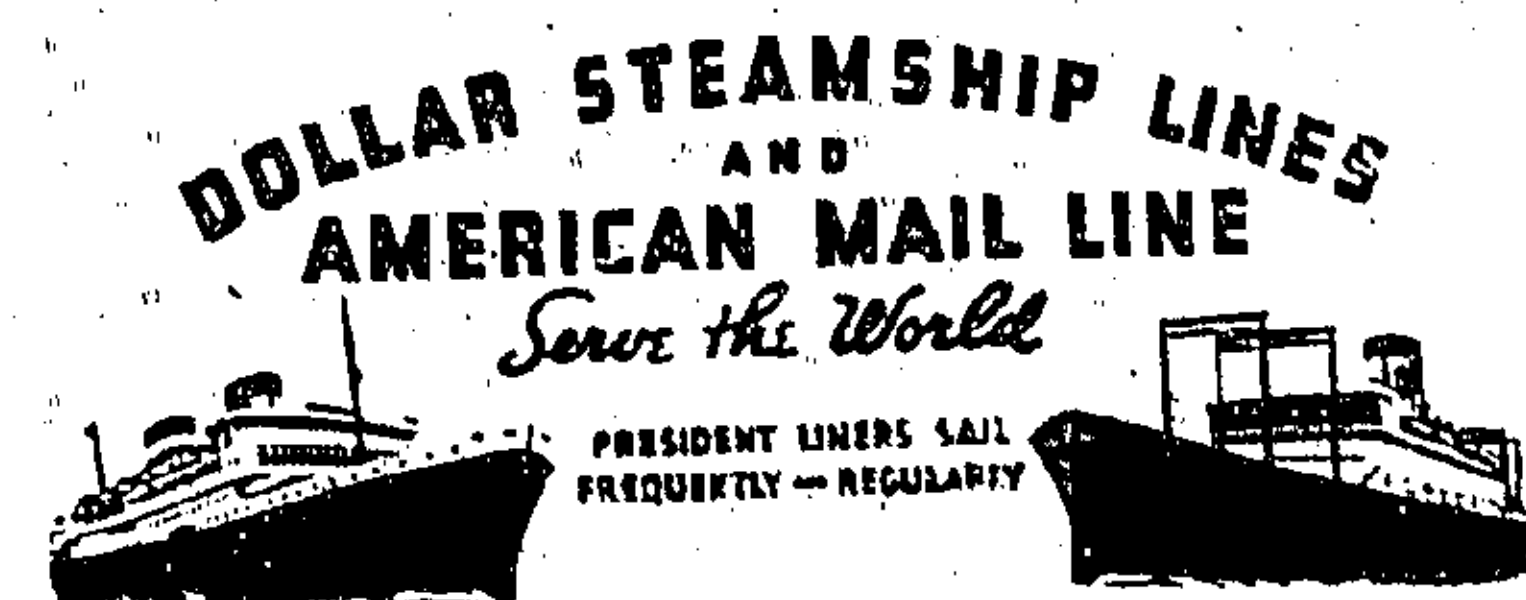
the use of the name was unauthorized?—Without any justification, they did.

## PATRONAGE WITHDRAWN

Miss Bourne said that the Royal patronage was withdrawn. She denied that she was maliciously minded against the league. It was not true that the cat had such a bad abscess that it was unable to eat.

Miss Lella Roadnight, caretaker and superintendent of the shelter at the time, was questioned by Mr. Roberts about the destruction of stray cats.

"Every female cat," said Mr. Roberts, "given a normal period of



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## CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

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CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Hong Kong, Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

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Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO.  
Hong Kong, 26th Dec., 1937. [

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

FROM LEITH, MIDDLESBRO',  
ANTWERP, LONDON  
& STRAITS.

THE S.S. "BENLEDI"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 13th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged/dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 28th Dec., 1937, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA), LTD.  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1937. [8834

## A CRUISE TO INDIA

Owing to the situation in China steamship companies have altered their arrangements for Far Eastern winter cruises. The Lloyd Triestino announce the cancellation of their cruise to Japan, China, and India, and the substitution of an independent cruise to India on January 6, which will include an ex-

## RICKMERS LINE

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE S.S. "R. C. RICKMERS"

having arrived from Hamburg and Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 24th Dec., 1937, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged/dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 2nd Jan., 1938, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JEBSEN & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 26th Dec., 1937. [8834

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 14th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE  
Agents.  
24th Dec., 1937. [8834

tentive tour of the country by steamship, via the Indian State Railways, viz. Delhi and all the principal cities. The cruise will be made in the Costa Rosso (or 18,000 tons). The portion of the 1/2% undertaken by Indian State Railways, the new all-conditions coaches will be used which were only introduced experimentally last November.

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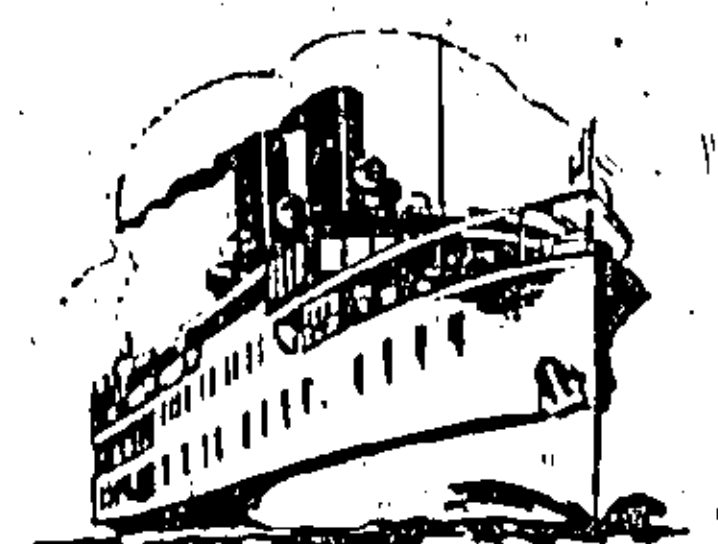




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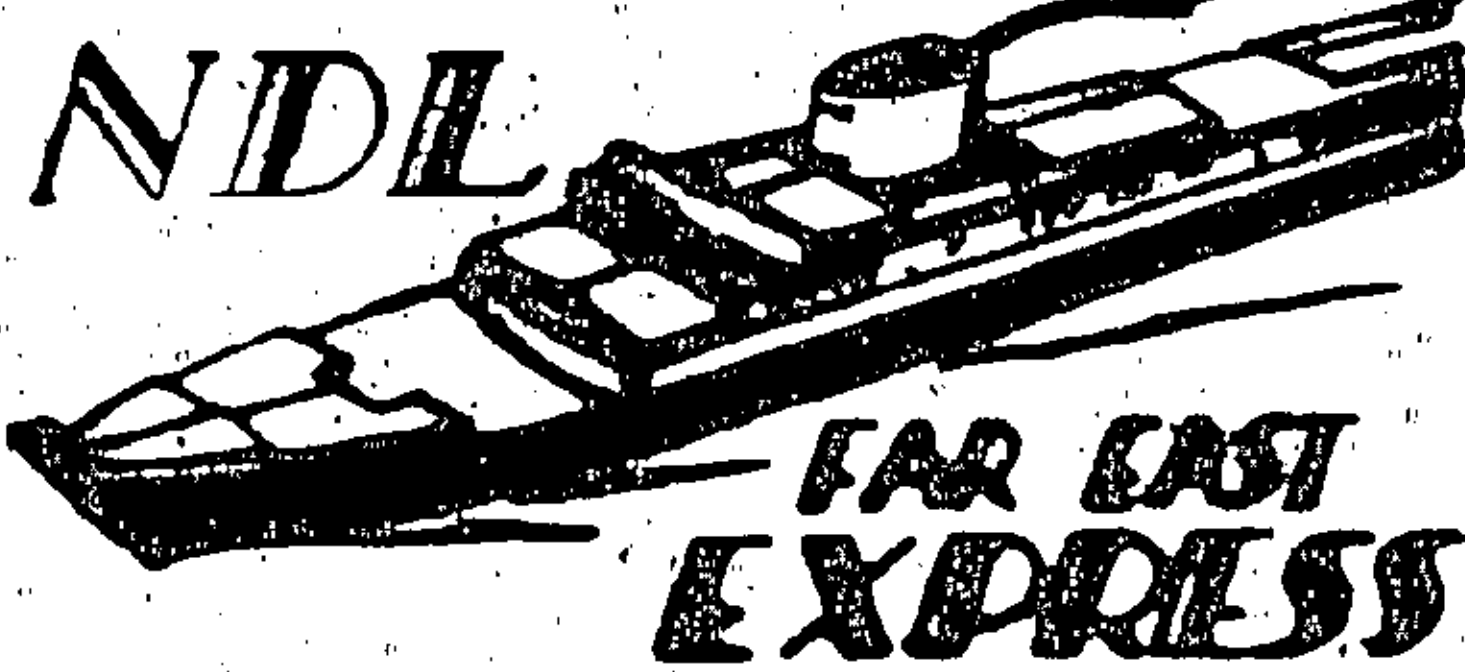
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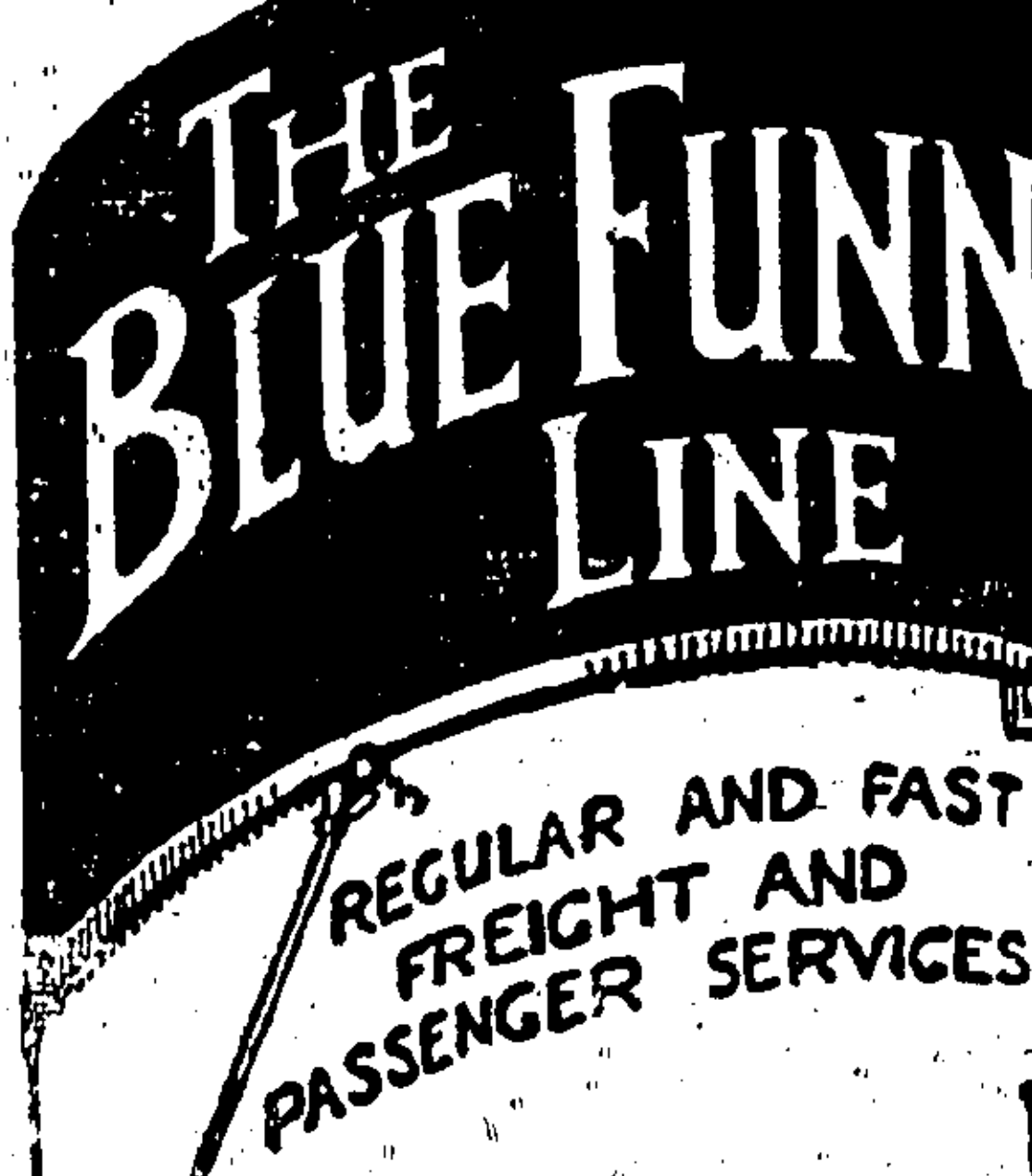
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|                     | Tara        | Hongkong, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Bremen              | Jan. 14 |
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|                     | Tara        | Singapore, Belawan, Colombo                       | Jan. 14 |
| Manila              | Scharnhorst | Manila                                            | Jan. 14 |
| Japan               | Patelam     | Yokohama, Kobe                                    | Jan. 14 |
| North China & Japan | Felds       | Dairen, Tsingtau                                  | Jan. 14 |
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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH CHINA

### Formation Of New City In Woosung

Tokyo, Dec. 26: A basic plan for the economic development of North China will be approved by the Government. It is foreshadowed that a holding company will be established which will control several subsidiary companies which in turn will exploit north Chinese industrial fields. A feature likely to be encouraged is private capital instead of strong Government control as in Manchoukuo.

The plan project is a complete change to Shanghai on the basis of re-development of Greater Shanghai municipality and formation of a new city in the district of Woosung. The plan is expected to materialise with the emergence of a new Greater Shanghai municipality friendly to Japan. The President of the Planning Board has reported the scheme to the Cabinet, which (according to the newspaper "Asahi Shimbun") has decided that the Japanese Government should give full co-operation for the realisation of such a Chinese plan.

Reuter.

### ARAKI—HEALTH MINISTER

General Sadao Araki, ex-War Minister and a Cabinet Councillor, is mentioned as most likely candidate for Minister of Health, which post is to be created early next week.

At first Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye intended to hold the new post additionally, but in view of the development of the situation he has decided to have a full time minister for the health ministry. He is now making a careful selection of the person to head the new ministry from among those who would add to the prestige of the Cabinet, and in this connection the War Office circles are advocating the choice of General Araki as the candidate for the post since Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu has been appointed Home Minister, the choice having been proposed by the Navy Office circles.

Premier Konoye has not been able to carry out various plans of reforming the Cabinet system and reorganizing the Cabinet as he wished, and adopted the system of the councilors as a means of vitalizing the Cabinet. Realizing the difficulty of executing various reform plans Premier Konoye intends to reinforce the Cabinet by adding military and naval officers.

International News Agency.

### SEDITIONOUS LITERATURE

Tokyo, Dec. 26: Kanagawa prefectural police are trying to trace the origin of allegedly seditious literature their agents have discovered among the cargo of a number of steamships recently returning to Yokohama from American ports.

The authorities suspect that Americans are making it a practice to send out agitatory literature among the cargo—even such cargo as scrap metal—so that they may be read by dock workers in Japanese ports.

Seized copies of the pamphlets include Socialism and War by Lenin, The 1936-37 Maritime Strike on the Pacific Coast, Truth and Appeal to the Japanese People Concerning the China Incident.

Chinese Forces Withdraw  
Kihwa, Dec. 26: A Japanese column from Yuhang, 15 kilometres west of Hangchow, launched an attack on Fuyang, about 27 kilometres southwest of Hangchow, this morning. They were intercepted by the Chinese forces at Tsingyunkiao, about 10 kilometres west of Fuyang, where a fierce six-hour encounter ensued.

Whilst the Chinese forces were engaging this Japanese column, another column of several thousand Japanese troops launched a flanking movement, thereby forcing the Chinese forces to withdraw.

Covered by rearguards, the main bulk of the Chinese forces withdrew from Fuyang to their new positions north of Tungli. They heavily damaged the highway between Fuyang and Tungli to check the advance of the Japanese troops.

Central News.

### JAPANESE PLANES RAID CHUKI

Kihwa, Dec. 26: Six bombs dropped by two Japanese planes inside Chuki city on the Chekiang-Kiang Railway south of Hangchow this morning demolished over 30 dwelling houses but caused no casualties as all occupants had evacuated.

Central News.

## JAPANESE TROOPS STUMBLE INTO LAND MINE

Five Hundred Injured

Hankow, Dec. 26: Chinese forces have withdrawn from Hangchow intact and are now located on the banks of Tien Tang River. Plain clothes men are lurking in Hangchow to engage the Japanese in guerrilla warfare.

Over 350 Japanese troops stumbled into a land mine south of Kienchiao about 15 miles north-east of Hangchow and were blasted to pieces. About 500 were injured. Other losses included demolition of eighteen tanks, twenty armoured cars and numerous arms.

Before their retreat, the new bridge over Tien Tang River which was about to be completed was destroyed by the Chinese forces.

Many non-combatants were killed by the Japanese when they entered the town yesterday morning.

International News Agency.

## JAPANESE OCCUPY TIENCHANG

Shanghai, Dec. 26: Japanese forces northward of the Yangtze continued to advance and have completed the occupation of Tienchang, thirty miles northward of Yangchow, according to a Japanese Army spokesman who in addition stated that all foreigners in Hangchow were safe and well. He stated that the Hangchow waterworks and power company were destroyed by retreating Chinese who offered very little resistance to the Japanese advance.

He added that Japanese forces continued to pursue the Chinese as far as Fuyang, twenty miles westward of Hangchow, which was also captured.

Mine-sweeping on the Yangtze continues and the river is at present falling rapidly so that navigation is most difficult.

Reuter.

## JAPANESE CROSS YELLOW RIVER

Tsitan, Dec. 26: A small batch of Japanese troops of less than 200 has crossed the Yellow River at Tsingtu but has been surrounded by Chinese forces. Fighting is now going on around Tsingtu.

Japanese planes are reported to be actively bombing the Chinese forces at Chowtsi forces at Chowtsun which attempt to halt the advance of the Japanese troops which crossed the Yellow River at Chinghochen.

Reuter.

## CURRENCY RESERVES

Tsitan, Dec. 26: The bogus government in Peking is planning to take over the currency reserves in Peking and Tientsin and reorganise the Hopei Provincial Bank, according to reports received here from Peking.

It is stated that leading Chinese bankers at Tientsin have proceeded to Peking to call on Wang Keh-min, so-called Chairman of the Executive Commission of the bogus government and make inquiries into the reported plans for financial changes in the north.

Central News.

## FOREIGNERS ALLOWED TO RETURN

Shanghai, Dec. 26: A Japanese spokesman announced that all foreigners will be permitted to return northward of Soochow Creek and the only restrictions will be those which military sentries may impose on the spot. All traffic will be permitted to foreigners but not to Chinese. No passes will be necessary for transport of goods from foreign-owned godowns but the curfew would be imposed at 11.30 p.m. the same as in other areas in Shanghai.

Reuter.

## FALL ADMITTED

Shanghai, Dec. 26: The fall of Hangchow is virtually admitted in Chinese reports received here stating that the main body of Chinese defenders withdrew on the night of December 23. The reports add that the last train from Hangchow which left the city on the morning of December 24 was packed with refugees.

Lakeside city is said to present a picture of desolation. The steel bridge across the Chientang River was dynamited while canoes which are usually filled with tourists sightseeing around the Lake are at present tied up with no caretakers. There are scores of them.

Reuter.

Thirty-three cocker spaniels, one of which has five puppies, are part of a legacy left to Mrs. A. Robinson, of Douglas-avenue Gosforth Newcastle, by her aunt, Miss Susanah Armstrong, of Hexham, a dog breeder and show judge.

## JAPANESE PLANES ACTIVE

### Slight Damage To C.K.R.

Canton, Dec. 26: Twenty-four Japanese planes in five groups bombed the Chasan, Sheungping and Cheungmuktau stations on the Canton-Kowloon Railway and the Yingkat and Kwunlin stations on the Canton-Hankow Railway yesterday, causing slight damage to the tracks.

Central News.

## HAICHOW RAIDED

Hsuechow, Dec. 26: Considerable casualties and damage to the railway track are believed to have been caused by six Japanese planes which dropped scores of bombs at Hsinpu and Hsuechow, the eastern terminus of the Lunghai Railway in north Kiangsu yesterday morning.

Central News.

## JAPANESE PLANES OVER KAIFENG

Loyang, Dec. 26: An air raid alarm was sounded at Loyang yesterday noon when nine Japanese planes were sighted flying across the Yellow River.

However, the planes did not appear over the city. They were later reported to have flown to Kaifeng but were repulsed by Chinese anti-aircraft guns.

Central News.

## RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT OVER CANTON

Canton, Dec. 26: Three Japanese planes paid a visit this morning to the White Cloud Aerodrome on reconnaissance flight but did not drop any bombs. They were greeted with ground fire.

The machine then flew over the north-eastern outskirts of the city and went away without releasing any bombs. The bombers next proceeded to Yingkat, Pa Kiang and Yuen Tan on the Canton-Hankow Railway and dropped a number of bombs.

The Sunning Railway was again bombed this morning, but details are not available. Japanese planes also raided the Canton-Samsui Railway and were sighted over Fatsan and Samsui. The damages and casualties are not known.

International News Agency.

## TYPHOON

Manila, Dec. 26: The following typhoon warning was issued yesterday at 3.40 p.m.: Cyclone or typhoon E. of the Pelaw Islands. Almost stationary.

## WEATHER REPORT

### HONG KONG ROYAL OBSERVATORY

10 a.m., Dec. 26.  
Barometer (at sea level), 30.17 ins.  
Temperature, 64 F.  
Humidity, 75 per cent.  
Wind Direction, East.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.  
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 68 F.  
Temperature: minimum last night, 62 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hours, ending 10th day, nil.  
Total rainfall since January 1, 82.49 ins.  
Against an average of 84.96 ins.  
Sunset to-night, 5.46 p.m.  
Sunrise to-morrow, 7.01 a.m.  
4 p.m., Dec. 26.  
Barometer (at sea level), 30.08.  
Temperature, 64. Humidity, 78.  
Wind Direction, East. Wind Force (Beaufort), 4. Maximum temperature, 69. Minimum temperature, 61.  
Rainfall, nil.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From December 25 to 31, 1937.

| Day    | Month | Day   | HIGH WATER              |        | LOW WATER               |        |
|--------|-------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
|        |       |       | Hong Kong Standard Time | Height | Hong Kong Standard Time | Height |
| Sat.   | 25    | h.m.  | h.m.                    | h.m.   | h.m.                    | h.m.   |
|        |       | 18 18 | 5 4                     | 18 55  | 2 7                     |        |
| Sun.   | 26    | 04 04 | 4 8                     | 22 14  | 4 0                     |        |
|        |       | 17 08 | 5 8                     | 20 39  | 3 0                     |        |
| Mon.   | 27    | 05 42 | 4 2                     | 00 04  | 2 5                     |        |
|        |       | 17 55 | 6 3                     | 10 29  | 3 3                     |        |
| Tues.  | 28    | 07 17 | 4 2                     | 01 08  | 2 9                     |        |
|        |       | 18 57 | 6 7                     | 11 19  | 3 6                     |        |
| Wed.   | 29    | 08 30 | 4 2                     | 01 52  | 3 8                     |        |
|        |       | 19 16 | 7 0                     | 13 08  | 3 8                     |        |
| Thurs. | 30    | 09 22 | 4 2                     | 02 37  | 1 8                     |        |
|        |       | 19 50 | 7 3                     | 13 55  | 3 7                     |        |
| Fri.   | 31    | 10 04 | 4 3                     | 03 14  | 1 5                     |        |
|        |       | 20 21 | 7 6                     | 14 27  | 3 7                     |        |

## FOREIGN MAILS

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

## HONG KONG RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December, 1937 to 6th January 1938, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.  
(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 8 cents per 3 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

## INWARD MAILS

| From                                                                      | Per                    | Date      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th December. | Imperial Airways Plane | 27th Dec. |
| JAPAN                                                                     | Rakuyo Maru            | 27th Dec. |
| HAIPHONG                                                                  | Canton                 | 28th Dec. |
| STRAITS                                                                   | Tian                   | 28th Dec. |
| THAI                                                                      | Agapenor               | 28th Dec. |
| JAPAN and SHANGHAI                                                        | Athos II               | 28th Dec. |
| STRAITS                                                                   | Uramo                  | 28th Dec. |
| JAPAN                                                                     | Ryufuku Maru           | 29th Dec. |
| U.S.A., CANADA, MANILA and JAPAN (Seattle, date 11th December)            | Pres. Grant            | 29th Dec. |
| CANADA, U.S.A. and JAPAN (Vancouver, B.C., date 4th December)             | Emp. of Russia         | 29th Dec. |
| JAPAN                                                                     | Noto Maru              | 30th Dec. |
| AMOT                                                                      | Tulma                  | 30th Dec. |
| JAVA and MANILA                                                           | Lysadane               | 30th Dec. |
| JAPAN                                                                     | Kashima Maru           | 31st Dec. |
| U.S.A., HONOLULU, and JAPAN (San Francisco, 11th Dec. 1937)               | Pres. Coolidge         | 31st Dec. |
| U.S.A., HONOLULU and JAPAN (San Francisco, 4th December 1937)             | Pres. Van Buren        | 1st Jan.  |
| STRAITS                                                                   | Sawa Maru              | 1st Jan.  |
| JAPAN and SHANGHAI                                                        | Seiden                 | 1st Jan.  |
| AUSTRALIA and MANILA                                                      | Nelore                 | 1st Jan.  |
| STRAITS                                                                   | Athos                  | 1st Jan.  |
| JAPAN                                                                     | Nankin                 | 1st Jan.  |
| JAPAN                                                                     | Nankin Maru            | 2nd Jan.  |
| AMOT                                                                      | Tsiorosa               | 2nd Jan.  |
| CALCUTTA and STRAITS                                                      | Sarala                 | 4th Jan.  |
| SHANGHAI                                                                  | Uramo                  | 4th Jan.  |
| JAPAN                                                                     | Talkybius              | 4th Jan.  |
| CALCUTTA, STRAITS and SAIGON                                              | Mawany                 | 6th Jan.  |
| JAPAN                                                                     | Kusanag                | 6th Jan.  |
| MANILA                                                                    | Potadam                | 8th Jan.  |
| JAVA                                                                      | Tsiondani              | 7th J.n.  |

## OUTWARD MAILS

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 a.m. on the previous day.

| For                                                                                                                                                     | Per               | DATE and TIME                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>                                                                                                                                           |                   |                                            |
| Samshui and Wuchow                                                                                                                                      | Kongnina          | Monday, 27th, 8.15 AM                      |
| Shanghai and Japan                                                                                                                                      | Burdwan           | 8.00 AM                                    |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                                                                                                                                          |                   |                                            |
| Hohow                                                                                                                                                   | Muram             | Tuesday, 28th, 8.30 AM                     |
| Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit). | Eurasia Plane     | G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM  |
| Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)                                                                                                                      | On Lee            | 10.00 AM                                   |
| *Straits, Bavia, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar and South Africa                                                                                        | Barents           | 10.30 AM                                   |
| Swatow                                                                                                                                                  | Yochow            | 12.30 PM                                   |
| Amoy and Shanghai                                                                                                                                       | Tsitan            | 3.30 PM                                    |
| Air Mail for "France Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 9th January, 1938.                                                                                 | Athos II          | G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM  |
| Seigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th January 1938                                         | Athos II          | G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                                                                                                                                        |                   |                                            |
| Samshui and Wuchow                                                                                                                                      | Kongnina          | Wednesday 29th, 8.15 AM                    |
| Swatow and Shanghai                                                                                                                                     | Kaying            | 8.30 AM                                    |
| Fort Bayard and Haiphong                                                                                                                                | G. G. Paul Doumer | 2.00 PM                                    |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                                                                                                                                         |                   |                                            |
| Swatow and Shanghai                                                                                                                                     | Kwaisang          | Thursday, 30th, 8.30 AM                    |
| Swatow and Bangkok                                                                                                                                      | Yingchow          | 12.30 PM                                   |
| Haiphong                                                                                                                                                | Canton            | 2.00 PM                                    |
| Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and EUROPE via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 19th Jan.—and EUROPE via Siberia                        | Pres. Grant       | Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM  |
| *Straits and Calcutta                                                                                                                                   | Kusanag           | Reg. 30th 5.00 PM Ord. 30th 5.00 PM G.P.O. |
| Airmail for Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service.                                                                                         | C.N.A.C. Plane    | Reg. 30th 5.00 PM Ord. 31st 6.00 AM        |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                                                                                                                                           |                   |                                            |
| Sandakan                                                                                                                                                | Hinsang           | Friday, 31st, 12.30 PM                     |
| Manila                                                                                                                                                  | Pres. Coolidge    | 4.30 PM                                    |
| Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 11th January, 1938.                                                                                | Kashima Maru      | G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM  |
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